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WE, THE JURY



# Judgment call

I have a brother who's a cop and used to have an uncle who was a cop, and so I've never been asked to sit on a jury. Impeachment of the opposing side's testimony is the commonest of courtroom strategies, and generally speaking, if you're a defense attorney who intends to go after the patrolman who made the arrest, it's a good idea to use a preemptory challenge to ice the potential juror most likely to feel that it's his uncle's or brother's integrity that you're trying to tear apart under cross.

Still, uselessness is not yet a sanctioned excuse for ignoring a court summons, and so early on a cold winter morning a couple of years ago I found myself among 40 or so of my fellow citizens in an overheated juror's lounge on the second floor of a courthouse near Boston. The impoverished room with a linoleum floor, built-in bookcases full of law books testifying to hasty and sloppy repurposing, and vinyl chairs in parallel rows facing front was crowded with men and women, most silently balancing paper cups of coffee, newspapers, paperbacks, some talking with neighbors politely and nervously.

The room soon grew stuffy enough that the court officer propped open the door for us. With cooler air came the sights and sounds of a large marble-floored central hallway congested with lawyers, witnesses, police officers, defendants, and plaintiffs, just about all of them standing and talking while they waited for cases to be called in the adjacent courtrooms.

An attorney earnestly explained the meaning of "assault and battery" to two young women in jeans and tight sweaters, who stared at him openmouthed, as though in disbelief. A middle-aged woman complained: "The disposition [sic] was all wrong, so confusing." A man in a shiny black leather coat tugged on the suit-coat sleeve of a man who was talking into a cell phone and who did not turn around to see who was pulling. A woman cried out, "But I wrote to all those people and they said, '*We never heard of you!*'" Another woman clutching an armful of manila folders said to a man in a suit, "She's been through 20 detoxes." "When was the last time she used?" the man replied. The woman opened one of her folders and read for a minute before announcing, "The last she used was November 15."

Late in the morning, court officers escorted us to a courtroom where a judge introduced a young man with spiked orangey hair who was contesting a DUI charge; a plump defense lawyer in an elegant, drapery black suit; a smooth-faced assistant DA in a double-breasted navy number that someone (his mother?) had inadvisably told him would

make him look older and more credible; and two broad-shouldered young policemen dressed like twins in khakis and blue blazers.

I was in the first group of potential jurors called down to the jury box for examination, and after most of my companions were challenged for undisclosed reasons, and their places taken by other members of the pool, I began to think I had a shot at this one. And then I saw the lawyer in the fine suit looking me over. He took his time, and I gazed at the walls and ceilings in a manner I hoped conveyed benign idiocy. And then the lawyer leaned to the judge, and the judge called my number, and I was returned to the pool and eventually to the juror's lounge to continue with my eavesdropping until we were thanked and sent home.

Among members of my family, judgment is first nature, and the restriction of that response is hard to take. One particularly obdurate and proud member of the clan, whom we tend to call "Mom," frustrated by decades of having her native ability to see deeply into a stranger's heart discounted without a fair test, on one occasion some years ago managed to fill in the disclosure form in such a way that she was taken for a soft old biddy who had never spoken to cops except to call them to rescue kittens from trees, and she later confessed that she responded to the defense attorney's attack on the arresting officer as if it were an attack on her son. (It was a breaking and entering charge, the defendant was convicted, and I'm very relieved to say it wasn't a close call.)

Leaving the courthouse that winter afternoon, I came upon the orangey-haired kid taking some air in the parking lot. With him, and holding his hand as he strolled the driveway between cars, was a narrow-faced young woman the right age to be his girlfriend, though her demeanor was that of an older sister who'd been told to keep a close eye on junior. For a moment I thought I perceived that whatever the course of the trial, some hard judgment had already been invoked in this young man's life, and he wasn't about to escape its consequences. That did not prevent me, however, from thinking that I had a brother who was 10 times the man this kid was, and who would not even think of railroading a guy on DUI, even a punk who couldn't be bothered to wash the color of traffic cone out of his hair in preparation for a trial that had his father and mother worried enough to spring for an attorney in a tailor-made suit who knew his business very well.

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*Ben Birnbaum*

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UNTIL DEATH

As a practicing physician for over 17 years, I have unfortunately seen the evolution in the health care system from an emphasis on the rights of the individual toward the rights of "society" at large. Some might argue it has been the third-party payers promoting this shift, under the guise of cost containment. Each of the four presenters in the Spring 2005 collection of essays "Whose Life?"—Lisa Sowle Cahill, Jon D. Fuller MD, SJ, James Keenan, SJ, and John J. Paris, SJ—refers to the loss of personal liberty exemplified by the Terri Schiavo case. But we must also remember that in such cases the existence of a persistent vegetative state can be questioned, and we must ascribe a high emphasis on the value that such incapacitated human beings render to their loved ones (Professor Cahill taught me this).

The definition of human life, much like the care of patients, should not reside solely in the biology of the disease process. We must remember that there are psychological, social, and spiritual issues involved—not only for the individual, but also for the loved ones of that individual.

Sickness and death are not static, individual processes. Has our American popular culture, which seems increasingly to stress the importance of the individual over family relationships, induced such a frame of mind? Sickness and death entail communal processes. We must place importance on and respect the wishes of those who suffer with the afflicted. If we fail to recognize this, we will lose

our legitimacy as physicians, and, more important, our effectiveness as ethicists and theologians.

We cannot define or set parameters on loved ones' wishes from our own biases. We must be careful not to place burdens on the afflicted, but we must also avoid placing exponential burdens on grieving family members for years to come.

MATTEO J. LOPREIATO, MD, '83  
*Berlin, Connecticut*

After reading the essays in "Whose Life?" the following questions remain: How can we ever know what Terri Schiavo's wishes around end-of-life care were? And how were the concerns of her mother, father, sister, brother, and ex-husband addressed after her death? Answering these questions would have provided a more complete

picture and better informed this moral/social dilemma.

DIANA M. L. NEWMAN '63  
*Associate Professor of Nursing  
University of Massachusetts, Boston*

It is regrettable that *Boston College Magazine* was unable to find either a Catholic theologian at Boston College or a Catholic physician who reflects more accurately the strong Catholic response to the death of Terri Schiavo.

To Fr. Keenan: Rather than running through guidelines put out by bishops through the years, wouldn't it have been better to check on how bishops see the reality of this case? The Florida bishops stated, "While withdrawal of Terri Schiavo's nutrition and hydration will lead to her death, if this is being done because its provision would be too burdensome for her, it could be acceptable. If it is being done

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CHOWDAH,  
PLEASE**

**ANNOUNCING  
A TAILGATE RECIPE CONTEST**

Winning entries (and much more) will be featured in a cookbook, *Tailgating with Boston College*, to be published in December 2005 by Channel Media & Market Research. Sponsors include the BC Alumni Association, Athletics Department, Dining Services, and *Boston College Magazine*. The best overall recipe will be published in BCM's winter issue.

For more information, and to submit a recipe, go to

**<http://www.bcrecipecontest.com>**



to intentionally cause her death, this would be wrong.”

To Fr. Paris: Your grandmother had it right in her dedication to the welfare of her sister. Her actions were generous and consistent with those of Terri’s parents.

To Fr. Fuller, MD: I am at a loss to understand how the behavior of our cave-dwelling ancestors is relevant in this case.

To old friend Lisa Cahill: Ruing the inability of Terri’s husband and her parents to reach agreement will not do. The moral difference between the two parties is too great and should give you pause.

GERALD G. BILODEAU  
*Professor Emeritus, mathematics*

I am a pastoral associate in a Milwaukee parish. The articles in “Whose Life?” have provided me with the clearest Catholic positions I have seen on the topic, something I’ve been looking for, for months. Thank you.

DEBRA HINTZ MA’84  
*Wauwatosa, Wisconsin*

“Whose Life?” supplies the kind of information that should have been on the front page of every newspaper during the recent, deplorable Terri Schiavo incident. The previous pope’s comment in March 2004 on the need to provide artificial nutrition and hydration was very troubling to me, and so I was especially interested in the remarks of Fr. Paris on just how “extraordinary means” are defined. All four of the writers were top-notch. This is definitely an article to save and share with friends.

PATRICIA H. VANDERSLICE  
*Cobb Island, Maryland*

Professor Keenan’s article in “Whose Life?” is the most informative, cogent piece I have seen on the subject. Why couldn’t the *New York Times* or a similar media outlet have done the research, so the public would have the true scoop? He should have been on *Hardball*.

MICHAEL QUIGG P’06  
*Jenkintown, Pennsylvania*

VIEW FINDERS  
Wonderful photomontage from James Balog (“The Natural”) in the Spring 2005 issue. For another talented alumni photographer, please see [www.johnalfano.com](http://www.johnalfano.com). John Alfano was my roommate and a fellow member of the Class of ’79.

DANIEL J. HENNESSY ’79  
*Lake Forest, Illinois*

New Jersey? Jimmy Balog grew up in New Jersey? Are you sure he isn’t really an Alaska boy?

SUSAN MEEKINS SULLIVAN P’99  
*Anchorage, Alaska*

SCHOLAR ATHLETES  
In Spring 2005, you had Al Skinner’s portrait on the back cover, anointing him as “My Coach of the Year.”

I have heard that the graduation rate of the basketball team (unlike our other athletic teams) is below 50 percent. If that is true, I hope we will reconsider our values and priorities. Being a premier school and a member of the ACC should not come at a cost to our academic standards.

JOHN J. HEHIR, JR. ’61  
*Jacksonville, Florida*

NUMBER PLEASE  
Re “Security Update” (Linden

Lane, Spring 2005): I can only wonder why more than 100,000 alumni donors would allow Boston College to have their Social Security numbers—and why the University would want them. If, in an uneducated moment, I allowed the University to have mine (might it have been required at one time?), I hope any record of it will be destroyed.

I have a new idea for keeping alumni records: alphabetical name listings.

DONATO ANDRE D’ANDREA JD’68  
*Newport, Rhode Island*

*Editor’s note: Only a portion of the University’s electronic alumni database was breached in March 2005, and all alumni who might have been affected were notified. All Social Security numbers have since been removed from the University’s main alumni database and replaced with randomly chosen numbers. Alumni may consult [www.bc.edu/alert](http://www.bc.edu/alert) for more information.*

NOTES ON AMERICA  
“Discovering America” (Winter 2005), by Vatican expert John L. Allen, Jr., was revealing regarding the impressions that the traditional Church leadership in the Vatican have developed about Roman Catholic culture in the United States. I celebrate the differences that were noted. It’s who we are. We had to fight hard to be, in effect, more Protestant than the Protestants.

Thanks also for addressing an uncomfortable topic—the needs of the homeless in the United States—in Dennis P. Culhane’s “Home Economics.” Like other aspects of health care in the United

States, this is an embarrassment that we as a nation pretend does not exist.

BRIAN CONDON ’64  
*Cheshire, Connecticut*

GALVINIZED  
I have just read “Neutral Territory” (Linden Lane, Spring 2005), on the 50th anniversary of the Citizen Seminars, and was surprised that no mention was made of John Galvin ’37. I believe he was active with Fr. Joyce in their founding and was involved with the seminars for many years.

FRANCES DALTON  
*Wellesley, Massachusetts*

*Editor’s note: The late John T. Galvin was chairman of the Citizen Seminars from 1954 until 1963.*

IMPROV PILOT  
I enjoyed reading “Curtain Call” (Winter 2005), but you forgot to mention my favorite actor/director: my husband Mike Burke ’93. Mike started the ImprovJacksonville Theater in Jacksonville, Florida, in the summer of 2000. He was stationed there as a Navy pilot, and he felt the need to feed an addiction that had begun in O’Connell House when he was part of the cast of *My Mother’s Fleabag*. We have since moved from Jacksonville, but the theater continues.

JENNIE OSBORNE BURKE ’94  
*New Orleans, Louisiana*

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JUSTIN KNIGHT

Mathieu, with Symphony (left) and Jah-Quiah and the latest edition of Kids' 2 Cents

# Publishing house

IN SANDRA'S LODGE

*Mr. Valting is frowning. His class tricked him. George tricked him into thinking there were donuts in the closet. Mr. Valting walked into the closet. George closed the door and a big monster was in the closet. He was big and fuzzy, but he was friendly.* So starts a story by Symphony, a homeless kindergartner, written with the help of Paula Mathieu, assistant English professor and director of BC's first-year writing program. For the past three years, Mathieu and a group of BC student volunteers have run an hour-long weekly writing and activity program for the children of Sandra's Lodge, a transitional shelter for 35 homeless families in Waltham, Massachusetts. Each spring, the collected writing and artwork of the children appears in a special section of



*Spare Change News*, the bi-weekly Boston newspaper sold on the streets by homeless vendors. The name of the section is Kids' 2 Cents.

A 20-MINUTE drive north of Boston College, Sandra's Lodge is a redbrick former dormitory on the sprawling campus of a residential care center for the mentally handicapped. Families stay at the shelter for an average of eight months to a year. On a Thursday night in November at about six o'clock, Mathieu and five student volunteers are preparing the shelter's couch-lined third-floor community room for the evening's activities, laying out paper, crayons, pencils, colored Popsicle sticks, and other craft materials on the tables—although, says Allison Laffer '06, an economics major from San Diego, California, "We usually end up on the floor."

The first child to arrive is Symphony, dressed in a white tank top with khaki pants, her black hair in a bun, who says with a shrug, "I'm the only one." She is refuted when five or six other children, ages five to 12, enter (the residents are free to wander in and out, and participation is voluntary). Mathieu and Symphony sit side-by-side in one corner as Symphony draws cartoonish figures in pencil; soon, after Symphony has created several characters, Mathieu asks their names (Lee-Lee, Chelsea, and George), and then asks, "So we can write a story?" Symphony agrees, answering and elaborating on Mathieu's leading questions: "What do Chelsea and Lee-Lee do? Is that a teacher? What's his name?"

On the floor, Julio Santil '08 of Salem, Massachusetts, engages in a drawing competition with Jancarlos, a quiet fourth-grader who wears the hood of his extra-large red sweatshirt over his head; Brenna Casey '05, an English major from Waterford, New York, referees. After Jancarlos sweeps the contest with his picture of a bowl of fruit, he agrees to a writing competition based on the drawings: Both stories must include a puppy, a bowl of fruit, and Casey. Judging the results, Casey notes, "Jancarlos has dialogue"; Santil concedes. In May, Jancarlos's story will be published in *Spare Change*, but he and his family will already have left Sandra's Lodge.

Mathieu and Symphony have finished writing the story of Mr. Valting. Mathieu asks Symphony, "Should I read it to everyone?" Symphony smiles and says, "No." A beat. "Yes." While Mathieu calls out for the group's attention (some of the children have been making picture frames from Popsicle sticks, feathers, and paper plates), Symphony plucks a book at random from the room's shelves and, as Mathieu recites, feigns a deep parsing of the text. Later, near the hour's end but before snack time lures a few more boys and ruckus into the room, stories by Jancarlos, Carolina (a third-grader who dictated hers to Santil in Spanish), and others are read aloud by the authors, then filed away by Mathieu in three-ring binders bearing the children's names.

KIDS' 2 CENTS began three years ago, when Mathieu was searching for a way to bring

more writing by homeless people into *Spare Change*, which she serves as a board member and volunteer. She had led writing workshops for homeless adults while a graduate student in Chicago, but encountered little enthusiasm for such offerings in Boston. The executive director of *Spare Change* at the time, Fran Czajkowski, suggested that Mathieu find a way to include the voices of homeless children in the paper. With the backing of Giselle Sears, the director of Sandra's Lodge, Mathieu launched the program.

To obtain volunteer manpower, Mathieu introduced Kids' 2 Cents as an optional final project in her fall 2002 course "The Literatures of Homelessness." (The course, an English elective, examines news accounts, policy studies, fiction, memoir, and poetry.) Eight students from the class signed on, and the project began that October. The shelter's children (and mothers) were quick to accept the idea, but as the end of the semester neared, both Mathieu and the students agreed that they had not gained enough experience with the children to feel comfortable publishing their stories. It was Laffer, then a freshman, who asked, "Can we keep coming back in the spring?" All but two students returned, the project became an informal extracurricular, and the first Kids' 2 Cents section of *Spare Change* was published on March 20, 2003.

In the winter of 2004–05, Sandra's Lodge had an unexpectedly large influx of children. On several visits, the writing group was caught short-handed, with, according

to Mathieu, 20 to 25 children jamming the community room, overseen by four or five volunteers. One such night in February, Mathieu and three sophomores, Warren Ruchie, John O'Donnell, and Alexis Lobodocky, did their best to tend a crowded room. O'Donnell was playing hangman with four children, and Ruchie was trying to read to several girls, one of whom put a costume tiara on his head, declaring him "the new drama queen." (Male volunteers have rock-star status with the children, as no males over the age of 12 are allowed as residents at the shelter.) A thin, aloof boy named Renee spun himself in circles in the middle of the room. When several boys began to "slow fight," Mathieu gave up on writing for the night and raised her voice to the room: "Who wants to play bingo?" Later, saying goodbye to one girl, Mathieu asks, "I'll see you next week?" The little girl's response: "No, I'm moving."

IT IS MAY 12, and finals are under way at Boston College, but Mathieu and several of the volunteers—Ruchie, O'Donnell, Lobodocky, and Haylie Tran '08, along with Alex Tsouvalas, a trustee from *Spare Change*—have come to Sandra's Lodge to throw a pizza party and hand out the new edition of Kids' 2 Cents. As has become customary, several BC students (Tran and Santil) wrote articles of their own for the section recounting their time at the shelter, as a prelude to the six pages of drawings, stories, and poems written by the children. "Naya told me that she speaks Somali," wrote Tran in her



essay. "In [her] eyes, I could remember my childhood" as a Vietnamese immigrant, "not knowing English at all, sitting in a room with strangers, and trying to comprehend everything that surrounded me."

Now, while 20 or so children extract pizza from boxes and show off their dancing, Mathieu pulls aside several of

her more prolific authors and points out their bylines to them; this includes Symphony, who has now lived at the shelter the entire school year. (Ruchie, meanwhile, is being chased about by a small pack of girls, saying in passing, "I'm being pinched and I can't do anything!") The children beam upon seeing their work in

print; Symphony, when later asked if she enjoyed the issue, gives a coy shrug—and a smile.

After an hour the celebration is over; copies of the issue are set aside for the children and their mothers. A crowd trails the volunteers to the shelter's entrance. As the college students step out into the spring night, Symphony tags

along through the door, and when Mathieu urges her back inside, she turns and runs 15 feet away, compelling Mathieu to track her down, successfully prolonging the group's stay a minute longer.

*Paul Voosen*

*The names of some of the children have been changed.*

## STARTING CENTER

A director for Church21

Timothy P. Muldoon '92, chairman of the religious studies department at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, Pennsylvania, has been named the first director of the University's Church in the 21st Century Center. He assumes the post this summer.

The center grows out of BC's Church in the 21st Century Initiative (Church21), which was launched in the fall of 2002 as a two-year program to assist the Catholic Church in exploring issues emerging from the clerical sex abuse crisis and the course for renewal. The initiative sponsored conferences, lectures, and publications, and has produced multimedia educational resources, reading lists, and online classes, often in conjunction with BC schools and departments, for priests, educators, social scientists, the greater Boston College community, and the general public. Citing its success, the University announced the initiative's perma-



Timothy P. Muldoon

nent extension, in the form of the center, this past fall.

Muldoon graduated from BC with Scholar of the College honors, then earned a master's degree in theological studies from Emory University in Atlanta and a doctorate in Roman Catholic systematic theology from Duquesne

University in Pittsburgh. He taught at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and joined the faculty at Mount Aloysius in 1997.

Muldoon's academic interests include young-adult spirituality and the future of American Catholicism, central themes of the Church in the

21st Century Initiative.

In announcing Muldoon's appointment, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, said, "Tim Muldoon is an accomplished teacher, writer, and administrator who brings experience, enthusiasm, and vitality" to the new position. Special Assistant to the President Robert Newton, who, together with a steering committee and advisory board, directed the Church21 initiative, will serve as chairman of the center's steering committee and will codirect its advisory board with Mary Walsh, the Kearns Professor of Education.

Muldoon is the author of *Come to the Banquet: Nourishing Our Spiritual Hunger* (2002) and *The Ignatian Workout: Daily Spiritual Exercises for a Healthy Faith* (2004). He and his wife, Suzanne (O'Farrell) '90, have two daughters.

*Stephen Gawlik*

*Stephen Gawlik is a staff writer for the BC Chronicle.*



# A STAR IS BORN

Rulison '06 named nation's best student dramaturge

Megan Rulison, a theater major and Presidential Scholar from Canandaigua, New York, closed out her junior year by winning the National Award in Dramaturgy despite being the youngest of six finalists at the American College Theater Festival, April 23, in Washington, D.C. The award is sponsored by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and recognizes outstanding achievement in dramaturgy—the historical and literary research and analysis that supports the staging of a play.

Rulison's winning entry described her work on two modern one-act plays presented by Boston College's theater department last fall, *Credible Witness* and *Necessary Targets*, both directed by Assistant Professor Patricia Riggin. *Necessary Targets*, by Eve Ensler, follows two American therapists as they interview and attempt to counsel five women, residents of a refugee camp in Bosnia. *Credible Witness*, by Timberlake Wertenbaker, is the story of two Macedonian refugees from Greece and their travails in London.

Well in advance of the premieres, Rulison created a website for the actors, producers, and crew, with maps, links, and recommended readings and films—for example, *Love Thy Neighbor*, a published account of the war in Bosnia by Peter Maas; *The Other Side of Truth*, a novel by Beverly Naidoo about Nigerian



Rulison in Robsham Theater's wardrobe room

refugees in London; and the Bosnian Oscar-winner *No Man's Land*. Backstage, Rulison started a "dramaturge's wall," on which she placed pertinent newspaper and magazine articles about events in the regions portrayed. And she provided the casts with resource binders containing histories and regional writing—Macedonian poetry, for example, and short stories on the siege of Sarajevo.

Rulison brought in guests to meet with the casts, among them Professor Cynthia Simmons of BC's Slavic and Eastern languages department and a Bosnian émigré woman who taught the cast songs in Serbo-Croatian that were later used in the production. Cast and crew members also accompanied Rulison to the restau-

rant Sabur in Somerville, Massachusetts, where the owners, Haris and Ria Jusufbegovic, joined the group and described their experience of the siege of Sarajevo.

Rulison confesses that when Scott Cummings, an associate theater professor, asked her in the spring of 2004 to assist him as a dramaturge, her reaction was, "So, instead of working on the stage, I have to do all this research?" But, she soon found, "I love taking apart plays."

As the winner of the Kennedy Center competition, Rulison is a fellow at the Eugene O'Neill Playwrights Conference in Waterford, Connecticut, this summer.

Sean Smith

Sean Smith is editor of the *BC Chronicle*.

## AN EVENING WITH

The award-winning novelist Alice McDermott will speak on "The Church in the 21st Century and Why Women Choose to Stay," on September 15, 2005, at 6:00 P.M. in BC's Robsham Theater. For more information, call (617) 552-9175.

## HEARING AIDS

John Mahoney, the Rattigan Professor of English Emeritus, has released a new spoken-word recording entitled *The Poetry of Faith*. The CD features 36 poems with religious themes, ranging from Old and New Testament texts and Koranic passages to the writings of Emily Dickinson and Seamus Heaney. Also, J. Robert Barth, SJ, the McIntyre Professor of English, has released his newest spoken-word recording, *The Poetry of William Wordsworth*. To hear excerpts from the two collections, or to place an order, visit the BCM website, [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).

## SUNG NOW

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino collectively honored Boston College's student volunteers as the Allston-Brighton neighborhood's "Unsung Heroes," at the Healthy Boston Coalition Awards Dinner on June 1. The event took place in the University's Heights Room, in Corcoran Commons.

## HAIL FELLOW

The American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest scientific society and publisher of the journal *Science*, has named Biology Professor David Burgess one of 308 new fellows for 2005. Burgess specializes in the study of cell biology.

LEE PELLEGRINI



# SOFT LANDING

## Eagles settle into new league

Following a bumpy flight that lasted more than a year and featured courtship, rejection, political hardball, vituperation from Big East supporters, and the flourishing of legal papers, the Eagles were officially welcomed to the ACC at a temperate and amicable campus luncheon on June 30. In a Yawkey Center function room decorated with ACC team logos, reporters and officials from the University and the ACC ate a bicultural lunch of lobster and barbecue, and BC Athletic Director Gene

DeFilippo and ACC Commissioner John Swofford held up a plaque commemorating the day when the Atlantic Coast Conference “truly does live up to our name,” said Swofford.

In joining the ACC, Boston College aligns itself with one of the premier college basketball conferences—featuring Duke, UNC, NC State, and Maryland—and a football conference that includes Clemson, Georgia Tech, Florida State, Miami, and Virginia Tech.

In the Yawkey Center, the end of the journey was greeted

with pleasure by athletics administrators, who’ve been witnessing spikes in season-ticket sales in the months since it became known that BC was truly ACC bound. “BC Athletics is set for the next 50 years,” said DeFilippo. But relief was also palpable, best expressed in DeFilippo’s other mantra of the day: “All’s well that ends well.”

Down south, BC’s entry was heralded with huzzahs. “Like Christmas and New Year’s Day,” said the *News & Record* of Greensboro, North Carolina. “ACC has become

toast of the coast,” said the *Richmond* (Virginia) *Times-Dispatch*. Other newspapers featured welcoming quotes from coaches around the league, including Duke basketball’s Mike Krzyzewski, never a fan of ACC expansion, who allowed that “Now, we are definitely the Atlantic Coast Conference,” before quipping: “Can we bring Maine in?”

BC’s first ACC contest will take place on September 17, with a home football game against Florida State.

Ben Birnbaum

TALKING POINT—From the late 18th century through the 1940s, salons in private homes granted women a singular means of education. The very best of them brought musicians, scholars, government officials, writers, and artists together and were a force in shaping opinion and taste. Jewish women, who could often cross social borders closed to their husbands and brothers, were disproportionately among the most influential *salonnières*. *The Power of Conversation: Jewish Women and Their Salons*, at the McMullen Museum of Art, August 22–December 4, displays more than 150 photographs, sculptures, manuscripts, musical scores, films, and other objects, including the painting at right, *Group of Artists* (oil on canvas, 1908), by Marie Laurencin, once owned by Gertrude Stein. For information, call (617) 552-8587, or visit [www.bc.edu/artmuseum](http://www.bc.edu/artmuseum).





# UNEASY ADJUSTMENT

An undergraduate's award-winning paper considers the cost of growing old

In an April ceremony in Washington, D.C., Matthew List '05, an economics major, capped off his years at Boston College by accepting an undergraduate research award from the American Academy of Political and Social Science. He received the award for his paper "Inflation and the Elderly," which argues that Americans over age 65 experience higher inflation rates than younger people, and that the Social Security Administration should consider this distinction when calculating its annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

List's paper was one of only two undergraduate economics papers honored this year by the Philadelphia-based association, which promotes social science research and its applications in public policy. In an e-mail, Robert Pearson, the executive director and a political scientist at the University of Pennsylvania, noted that "reviewers thought that Matt's paper displayed an exemplary grasp of prior research on the topic, used methodology appropriately to answer the question that he posed, and illuminated how public policy might better achieve its ends."

List took a critical look at the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index (CPI), which serves as the basis for the COLA. In one of his paper's most innovative features, he divided the elderly into two groups, ages 65

through 74, and ages 75 and older. His summary conclusion, reached after many pages of number crunching, was that people ages 65 through 74 experience an additional .17 percent inflation and that people 75 and older experience an additional .31 percent inflation compared to Americans under 65—almost all of it owing to their heavier use of medical goods and services, the costs of which have escalated faster than the overall inflation rate.

Revising the paper for his BA thesis, List continued to probe the CPI and to refine his analysis. He concluded that in significant ways the CPI overstates inflation—it doesn't properly account for that component of higher prices which results not from inflation but from quality improvements in items like computers and automobiles. For purposes of deciding on a COLA for Social Security, List writes, this overstatement outweighs the additional inflation experienced by the elderly. Thus, he now maintains, a modest and gradual reduction in the COLA could help keep Social Security solvent without substantial harm to recipients.

According to Alicia Munnell, Drucker Professor of Management Sciences—who was List's thesis advisor, along with Associate Economics Professor Robert Murphy—List's project takes an approach that hasn't received enough attention from econo-

mists. "Little work has been done looking at how different measures of inflation might be relevant for different groups of people," notes Munnell. "But given the importance of Social Security benefits for the elderly, it is crucial that the inflation they face is reflected in the generally reported CPI."

List said he first thought of writing a paper on the CPI during last year's presidential election, when Social Security emerged as an issue. He also was attracted to the topic because the data he needed was readily available in government records. "Someone without a big research staff could write a paper about it and really say something," he explained.

List continues to revise the award-winning paper in hopes of seeing it published in an economics journal. In June he began a research position at Charles River Associates, a Boston consulting firm where he interned as an undergraduate. He is working in the firm's competition division, which provides expert testimony in antitrust legal actions. His future plans include graduate school and a university teaching career.

*David Reich*

*David Reich is a writer based in the Boston area. He last wrote for BCM in Spring 2005, when he reported on the 50th anniversary of the Boston College Citizen Seminars in "Neutral Territory."*



Richard Jefferson

## OFFICE HOLDER

Richard Jefferson has been named the executive director of the University's new Office for Institutional Diversity. Jefferson, a graduate of Williams College who holds a JD from Boston University, has been the director of employee relations at BC since 1991. The steering committee for the new office includes Vice President for Human Resources Leo Sullivan, Executive Vice President Patrick Keating, Vice President for Student Affairs Cheryl Presley, and Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculties John J. Neuhauser.

## COMMENCEMENT HONORS

Receiving honorary degrees at BC's 2005 Commencement were: Paul Farmer, MD, founder of the international nonprofit Partners in Health; Lt. Gen. Romeo Dallaire, commander of the U.N. peacekeeping force during the Rwandan genocide; Janet Eisner, SND, MA'69, president of Emmanuel College; Norman C. Francis, president of Xavier University of Louisiana; Sean P. O'Malley, OFM Cap, archbishop of Boston; and Sara Martinez Tucker, CEO and president of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. Dr. Farmer delivered the commencement address. See next page for more Commencement Day coverage.



# Senior moment

## THE CLASS OF 2005 INAUGURATES A PARADE

Early on Commencement morning, May 22, as the last seniors left the rooftop of the Beacon Street Garage and the traditional final sunrise viewing, the first seniors began to arrive for a new pre-Commencement rite on Linden Lane. The inaugural Commencement Assembly drew in the entire undergraduate Class of 2005 for an outdoor breakfast, brief speeches, and a procession to Alumni Stadium, where the main graduation ceremony took place.

"We'd like [the event] to complement and bookend Freshman Convocation, a new tradition we began this past fall for the Class of 2008," said Joseph Burns (bottom right), associate vice president for undergraduate programs. "We hope that both will become beloved—and improved-upon—rituals." In place of parked cars, 20 long tables rimmed Linden Lane, topped with white tablecloths, coffee urns, and baskets of breakfast bars. Students in caps and gowns grazed, mingled, and chatted on cell phones, exchanging coordinates and arranging rendezvous; some held aloft makeshift beacons—colored water bottles, handwritten signs, a teddy bear dressed in BC colors.

At 8:50, Fr. Joseph Marchese's voice boomed over the loudspeaker, instructing the seniors to assemble according to school in four lines. Marchese, who runs freshman orientation, had last directed the Class of 2005 when they arrived in the summer of 2001. After brief remarks by Academic Vice President Jack Neuhauser and Grace Simmons '05 (top right), the school deans offered congratulations and further instructions: The Carroll School would proceed left of the eagle statue, across O'Neill Plaza, and down the Higgins stairs. The Connell School and the Lynch School would process to the right of the eagle statue, past their respective buildings, and down the Merkert steps. The College of Arts & Sciences would march through the rotunda of Gasson Hall and then join them. Faculty in academic berets and bright-colored robes became traffic cops, exchanging greetings with passing students. Usually, noted Bill Stanwood, an adjunct assistant professor of communication, Commencement allows few opportunities to say hello to individual students—"or, more importantly, to say goodbye."

Video of the event can be seen at [www.bc.edu/atbc](http://www.bc.edu/atbc).

*Cara Feinberg*



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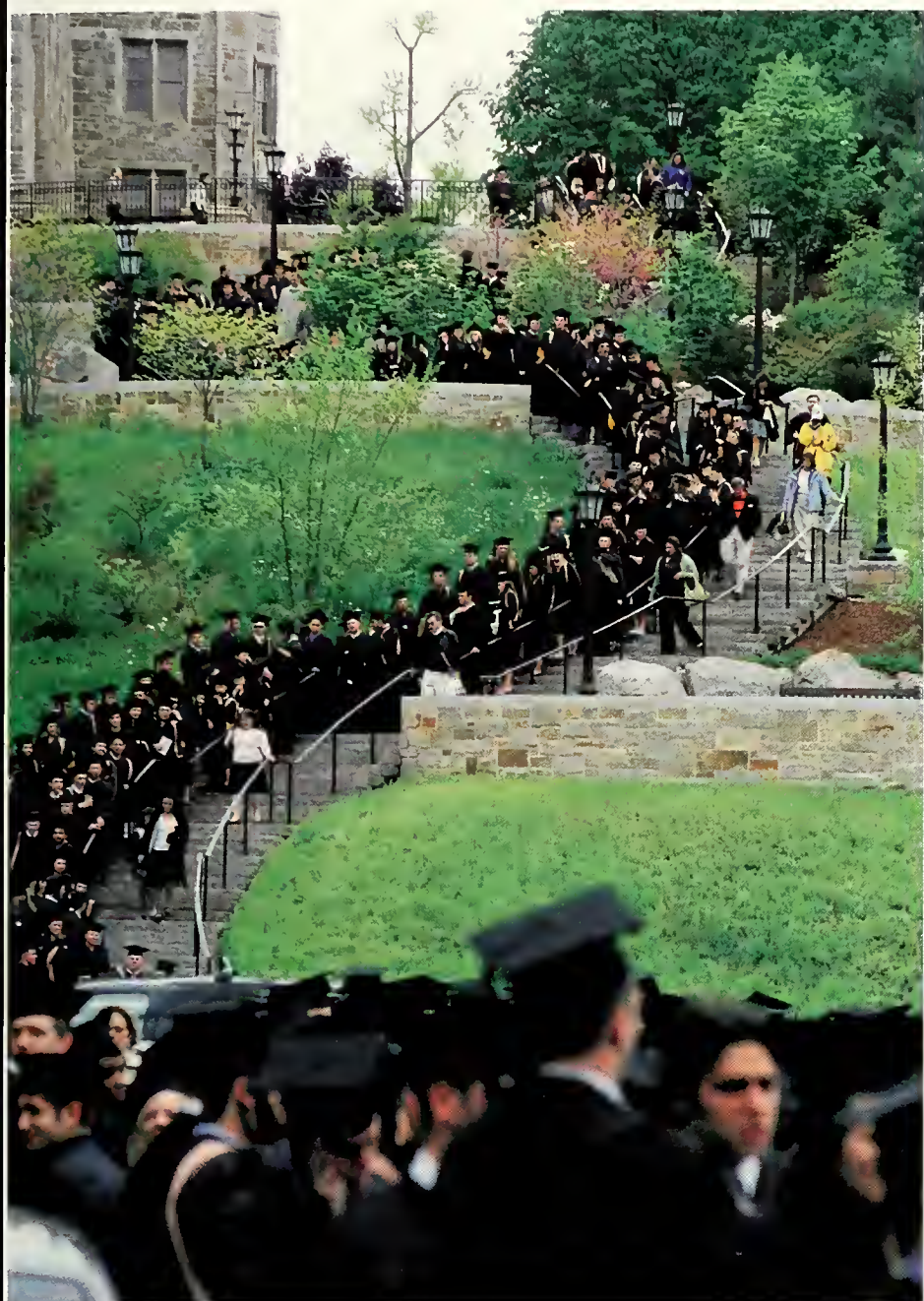


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## FOOTBALL HALL

The Yawkey Athletic Center, a 72,000-square-foot addition to Alumni Stadium and new home of the BC football program, opened last spring. The \$27 million center was funded by \$15 million from the Yawkey Foundation and gifts from alumni and friends of BC athletics.



Jina Moon '06

## THREE SCHOLARS

The 2005–06 Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Chikaelo Ibeabuchi '06, a communication major from Roxbury, Massachusetts. The 2005–06 Oscar A. Romero Scholarship went to Omar Gonzalez '06, a sociology major from New York City. And the 2005–06 Asian-American Scholarship Award has gone to Jina Moon '06, a communication and political science major and Asian studies minor from North Brunswick, New Jersey. The scholarships cover 75 percent of senior-year tuition.

For more news briefs go to [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).

## DEATHS

- William L. Brown, University Trustee from 1973 to 1981 and from 1983 to 1991, on July 12, at age 83.
- Francis A. Liuiima, SJ, member of the physics faculty from 1954 to 1992, on June 6, at age 86.

# TRADE SECRETS

**A new program returns alumni (and their celebrity friends) to campus**

Novelist Chuck Hogan '89 works long solitary days. Screenwriter John Jetsyn Taché '84 swims in the Hollywood shark tank. Actor David James Elliott (a friend of Taché's) writes, directs, and produces. Under a new program, "Master Class: Alumni in Residence," the three met with Boston College students in April to talk about the parties they've lived on, the video stores they've clerked in, the surefire hit shows canceled from under their feet, and the lives they've built in fiction, screenwriting, and acting.

**CRIME NOVELIST** Chuck Hogan sat with 10 student writers around a long table in the Haley House conference room, on April 11. Before him were three hardback books in English and two paperbacks in Japanese and Spanish—all with his name printed in block letters on the covers. "This is the thing about being a writer," he said to the students, gesturing toward the books. "No one tells you how to actually *do* this for a living."

The author of three novels published in 14 languages—*The Standoff* (Doubleday, 1995), *The Blood Artists* (William Morrow, 1998), and *Prince of Thieves* (Scribner, 2004)—Hogan was BC's first guest in the Master Class series, which was developed to draw in alumni artists to talk with students about building a life in the arts. The series is

sponsored by *Boston College Magazine* in conjunction with academic departments.

Most of the students meeting with Hogan were English majors with concentrations in creative writing; a few were graduate students; all were aspiring writers who had traded one of the first warm spring afternoons for a chance to speak with a working novelist.

Hogan began by outlining his own trajectory toward full-time writing. He knew he wanted to be a writer when he graduated from BC, he told the students, but it was five years before he sold a book: "I wrote my first novel in college and it was terrible." He paused for a moment. "It was about a man who wakes up with amnesia, it was written in present tense."

The experience was the important thing, said Hogan. Learning that he was capable of finishing such a project, discovering how much he enjoyed it, and finding support from faculty all helped to build his confidence and motivation to try again.

Following graduation, Hogan lived with his parents in Canton, Massachusetts, and worked at a video store. "I arranged my life around writing," he said. "It was very solitary, but it was the only way to get the work done." He sent manuscripts to several agents who rejected his work out of hand. Then, a fellow attendee at a writers' conference gave him the name of another agent

to try. Hogan sent her a section of *The Standoff*, and, housebound for a week by a snowstorm, the agent found herself holed up with the manuscript. "Four days later, she called me up," he told the students, "and we had a deal." The novel appeared on best-seller lists across the country and New Line Cinemas bought the film rights within the year. Hogan's two subsequent books have also fared well, and both have been optioned by Hollywood film companies.

When Hogan opened the floor to students' questions, several hands quickly shot up. "How do you discipline yourself to write?" asked Ashley McDonald '05. "How much research do you do before you begin?" Billy Hurley '06 followed up. "How important is getting an agent?" Jordy Clements '06 wanted to know.

Hogan described his daily writing routine as dawn to dusk with a break for exercise, though with three children under the age of five, he said, disruptions were now routine, too. "A big part of writing is finding your own method," he said, "your own rhythm. Physically, how are you going to accomplish this?"

Research is also key, he told the students. His most recent novel, *Prince of Thieves*, is set in Boston's working-class section of Charlestown. Hogan was inspired to write the book by a newspaper article that





Left: Taché (in baseball cap). Right: Hogan, at Haley House



described the neighborhood as “producing more bank robbers and armored-car thieves than any square mile in the world.” “It piqued my interest,” said Hogan, “but then I had to learn about the area and know it well enough to write about it as if it were my own.” Hogan took pictures and notes. He spent mornings in the Lori-Ann Donut Shop, before walking the neighborhood’s steeply pitched streets. Nights often ended in Charlestown bars. Hogan talked with people on both sides of the law. He said later, “I find, however, that it is better if they don’t know I am an author. They don’t self-edit.”

Hogan credits his agent for turning his literary ambitions into a going concern, brokering deals and contracts he did not even know he could make. “She called me up one day and said, ‘We just sold the Italian rights,’” he recalled. “The business of publishing is a whole different world,” and whether a book sells can have little to do with artistic merit, he said; if a book doesn’t get good reviews within two or three months, stores often will

send their copies back to the publisher. And so, publishers develop their own stratagems: different covers for different parts of the country, for example. Boston copies of *Prince of Thieves* sported an image of the Bunker Hill Monument, a Charlestown landmark, on the cover; elsewhere, the illustration showed only a human figure enshrouded in mist.

Jacket blurbs by big-name authors who have not necessarily read the book are another marketing tool, Hogan told the students. Stephen King’s comments on *Prince of Thieves*—“a terrific read . . . a rich narrative of friendship, young love, and mounting suspense”—were, however, authentic. At a World Series game last fall, a TV sports reporter asked King what he was reading between innings. He held up Hogan’s bound galleys.

At the close of the two-hour discussion, Jordy Clements approached Hogan. “I just wondered,” he said, “really, what kind of living can you make as a writer?” Hogan asked him what kind of writing he was interested in.

“Poetry, mostly,” said Clements.

“Well, that’s certainly not the easiest path,” said Hogan, with a shrug. “But the truth is, none of them are.”

NEARLY AN hour before David James Elliott, the star of CBS television’s *JAG*, and John Jetsyn Taché, a Hollywood screenwriter, were scheduled to hold their April 19 Master Class in McGuinn auditorium, early birds (BC students, mostly, and women from the local community) had already grabbed front-row seats. Before them, three canvas directors’ chairs stood empty, and BC technicians were testing a clip of the *JAG* theme song.

By the time the six-foot-something men strode through a side door—Elliott in a rugged long-john shirt with the sleeves pushed up to his biceps, Taché sporting a faded Red Sox hat (dark ponytail emerging from the back)—the room had nearly filled. “I’ll try to do my best James Lipton impression,” said Mike Civile, associate professor in the film studies program and the

evening’s host, holding up a set of blue index cards like the ones used by the host of TV’s *Inside the Actors Studio*.

Civile began by asking the guests how they started out in Hollywood, and Taché—a political science major at BC who never wrote a screenplay until two years out of college—answered with a twist of an old adage: “You could be William Shakespeare or Robert Ludlum,” he said in a pronounced Boston accent, “but it’s who you know and when you know them.” Taché moved to L.A. in the early nineties with his twin brother, Joseph ‘84, and the two started a product-placement company for television and films. “I guess I got in through the backdoor,” he said. “Scripts were coming into the office all the time. I met the people at the companies who were sending them . . . and, luckily, I met David [already acting in *JAG*] early on.” The actor got Taché an interview with the studio, and “one of the first TV pieces I wrote was for *JAG*. Things took off from there.”

For Elliott, the path was more traditional. “I’m



Canadian," he began, "though I didn't mean to be." He paused as the remark prompted laughs, and a string of camera flashes from the audience lit up his face. After acting for years in local Canadian theater and film, he moved to Hollywood and landed a part in the early 1990s syndicated television series *The Untouchables*. "I remember the casting agent saying, 'Whoever gets this part will be set for life,'" he said. The series ran for one season. In addition to acting, Elliott now writes and directs, often with Taché. He has announced that following the 2004–05 season, which marked his 10th year on *JAG* and the end of his contract, he is taking a development deal with ABC.

Both Taché and Elliott were careful not to sugarcoat their experiences. Hollywood has been described as a land of sharks, said Elliott, "and in

many ways, it is." With agents, lawyers, and managers at every turn, artists often have trouble figuring out who their friends are. "Each guy tries to convince you he's the one . . . but all these business guys have dollar signs in their eyes."

"So is Hollywood a necessary evil?" asked Civile.

"The truth is, you can't be in Boston and go to daily auditions," said Taché. "You can't get an agent, or go to a pitch every day, or know what's going on in the trades. I thought I'd go to Hollywood and sell a script in a week, then go home to my family back here on the East Coast." He ended up living on someone's patio, he said; it took him years to get on his feet.

"He has a beautiful house on the water now," Elliott interrupted.

"I guess I still consider myself a wannabe," said Taché.

"But I suppose I'm in the game."

After his hour-long question-and-answer session with the guests, Civile opened the floor to audience questions. Topics ranged from starting out in the trade ("How do you get an agent?" from Sarah Carter '08, a theater major) to behind-the-scenes research at *JAG* ("How much interaction with actual military personnel do *JAG* actors have?" from Rebecca Magnone '05, a political science and communication major in Air Force ROTC) to the show's romantic plotline ("My mom . . . wanted me to ask you, When is Elliott's character going to get together with Mac [*JAG*'s female lead]?" from Seanna Mullen '08).

"To me, talks like this are gold," said Sean McAvoy '05, a film studies and history double major. McAvoy, who plans to move to Los Angeles a month

after graduation, hopes to someday write scripts for feature films. "I waited in line to speak with Taché afterwards," he said, watching the remaining dozens lingering to snap photos and score autographs. "He told me to make sure to have five months' rent, a stack of résumés, and phone numbers of a few people I knew." In his talk, Taché had said that maybe one in 375,000 writers ever sells a major screenplay. Said McAvoy: "I'm going out there because, like him, I want to be that one."

Although initially conceived as an opportunity for alumni in the arts to talk with students about careers in the creative fields, the Master Class program will offer an expanded range in 2005–06. Speakers in the coming year will include Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole '76 and the comedian Gary Gulman '93.

*Cara Feinberg*

TOMMY COLBERT



**COLLATED AND BOUND**—James Conner '92 was a work-study student in O'Neill Library his junior year, a job that kept him close to the library's copy machine. On duty one evening, he encountered Annmarie (Wixon) Conner '92, JD'97 taking a study break. The two wound up talking for hours. A brief romance followed. They remained friends. Two years ago, the couple began dating again. On June 5, 2004, Conner, a paralegal, blindfolded Wixon, a lawyer, and before a gawking and mildly alarmed library staff led her to the copy machine where their relationship had first warmed; there he proposed. When the two were married a year later, on June 18 in St. Ignatius Church, they told their photographer there was one picture that he absolutely had to take. The library staff gawked again. The couple now live in Needham, Massachusetts.



# GETTING AND SHARING

## Parsing African-Americans' economic progress

John Havens, a senior research associate at Boston College's Center on Wealth and Philanthropy, and Sociology Professor Paul Schervish, the center's director, have studied wealth accumulation and philanthropic giving among African-Americans for the period between 1992 and 2001. Their findings: African-Americans' aggregate wealth and charitable contributions are sizeable and growing; however, their share of total national wealth and giving has shrunk.

The researchers have produced forecasts of African-American estates and bequests to charity through 2055 by incorporating data from varied sources—the Federal Reserve's Survey of Consumer Finances, the Internal Revenue Service, the Center for Disease Control's National Center for Health Statistics, and other authorities—into a simulation model developed by Havens. The results, described in their working paper "Wealth Transfer Estimates for African-American Households," appear in the journal *New Directions in Philanthropic Fundraising*.

Between 1992 and 2001, the authors report, the total wealth of the country's more than 13 million African-American households increased at an annual rate of 4 percent (to nearly \$1.1 trillion); their charitable giving grew by 5 percent a year (to about \$11.2 billion).

However, during this same

period, the wealth and philanthropy of the general population increased at an even faster clip. While the average wealth of African-American households grew at about 2.4 percent per year (slower than the aggregate, which is boosted by population growth), the average wealth of "all households" increased at more than double that pace, nearly 5.9 percent.

"There's some segment of the African-American population that's beginning to succeed in the accumulation of wealth," said Schervish in an interview. "The difficulty is that there's a substantial portion that's still not being successful." Schervish and Havens have identified certain commonalities among wealthier African-Americans, who, they say, tend to be married, well-educated, and own their own businesses. A greater percentage of them have served in the military (about 32 percent, compared with 16 percent of all African-Americans).

HAVENS AND Schervish uncovered a potentially encouraging trend when they disaggregated their data by age. Younger African-Americans (ages 41 and below) increased their wealth by an average of about 15 percent per year, a slightly faster rate than did the general population (14.7 percent), and at the same pace as Caucasians within the same age group—a "striking finding," according

to the authors. Schervish and Havens hope to explore this trend further as new economic data becomes available. The key question, they say, is whether the parity of wealth accumulation will be maintained as younger African-Americans age. In social-science terms, is their current equality a "life-cycle effect," accounted for by the relative lack of wealth and budding careers of all young households, and one that will fall away in later years; or is it a "cohort effect," the result of civil rights legislation and increased educational opportunities, the influence of which will be sustained as today's young

African-Americans grow older? If the parity of the young proves to be enduring, African-American estates could be worth 10 to 25 percent more than otherwise, by 2055.

According to Schervish, "there's some evidence of a changing landscape, that the African-American story is no longer a simple, unified story."

*Chris Berdik*

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### WE'D HAVE TO BORE HOLES IN IT

*By William Dowd '06*

We'd have to bore holes in it to know for sure  
what goes on inside, and there's no one  
prepared for that—all we have to go on  
is a vague chatter in the chest or  
a juddering in the organ's core  
that tells us when we no longer want someone.  
And yet they have the tools to crack our breastbone,  
the surgical contraptions to trap us here  
in life, the straps, the X-rays to explore,  
the scissors to chop up the sign  
reading: Do Not Resuscitate This Time,  
and the proof to point to on the heart monitor,  
the scrolling, sputtering Arabic lines  
repeating *you're fine, you're fine*  
*and you're still mine.*

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# Haunts

## THE CLASS ASSIGNMENT WAS TO DESCRIBE A PLACE

I was raised on Irving Street, in Watertown, a small suburb bordering Boston to the west. It was and remains a tight-knit community. The homes of the working- and middle-class inhabitants sit close to one another, putting neighbors constantly in view. The many little side streets connect to larger secondary roads at their ends, joining strings of houses together.

My family lived in an ordinary white house with no trim, with a wraparound front porch and front and back yards. The house had three bedrooms: one for my parents, one for my two brothers and me, and a tiny room for guests. The only full bathroom was upstairs. There was a large attic, for playing hide-and-go-seek. The basement was also large, but I never ventured there alone for fear of the furnace, a rusty cylinder covered in soot that burst into loud humming noises. Other than that, the house seemed to have all we could need or want, inside and out, and my brothers and I made full use of it for fun and trouble.

At the top of the basement stairs, for example, was an electric switch. It was fire-engine red, for the furnace, and it was forbidden fruit. Both of my parents warned consistently about the ills that would befall me if I ever pulled it down. But, just like the huge buttons in Looney Tunes cartoons labeled "Self-Destruct, Do Not Push," the switch had to be flipped—once. The stunt cost me my dinner, and since nothing else interesting immediately happened, I determined it wasn't worth it.

Our yards held a number of attractions. To me, the lawns around our house formed a world unto itself, a separate realm. We had two good climbing trees and a peach tree for peach fights, and scattered through the front yard were several cherry trees. On the side of the house a large bush, outwardly thick with leaves but almost entirely hollow on the inside, served as a base of operations for my brothers and me as we roamed the neighborhood.

Also in our yard was an expansive system of anthills. The scurrying of tiny ants, sometimes meeting up with a spider, was always entertaining. Occasionally, I would be cruel and drown a few of the hapless little insects with the hose or cups of water, watching what were floods to them swoop up and swirl them to doom. Two types of ants, black and red, had anthills on either side of the lawn. Warfare ensued any

time they crossed paths. The ants seemed to know this, that wandering too far meant danger. They usually stuck with their own kind around the mother hill, and, circling endlessly, somehow always managed to find food.

When rain pushed us indoors, creative games brought my two older brothers and me together and helped make the house feel warm. My brothers and I slept in bunk beds, and being in one room made us a bit nutty at times. Our favorite game was to put sleeping bags over our heads and pull them down to the floor; with our bodies mummified, we then commenced to pound away at one another. It was hilarious because we would be swinging blind through the sleeping bags until one of us made contact. My oldest brother, Jon, would cheat and take the sleeping bag off. One day, after Jon and I pushed my brother Tim out of the room and heaved him down the stairs, my father outlawed the game. My father's old-school strictness and his habit of putting us to work made getting out of the house to play whenever we could our number one priority.

EXCEPT FOR ONE kid who had "Duck Hunt," no one in our neighborhood had video games, and we brothers and our various friends spent most of our free time together exploring. Near our house was an oval-shaped area of dirt and grass. There was no park there, and no houses. It was just open field with a few bushes, so the neighborhood kids used it for everything. My friends and I dubbed this area the Green.

We lived on the bottom of a hill, and the Green sloped up and basically served as a large rotary. The group had several games that we congregated for, and when I say group I mean the same 10 kids every time, ranging in age from seven to 15. We were connected by our youth, the Green, and the layout of our neighborhood; all of us in our homes could see one another's houses, around the Green. Together we would sometimes stray onto other streets, but feeling neither comfortable nor welcome, we always circled back. Similarly, anybody who showed up at the Green from farther out could not be trusted.

The neighborhood games we gathered for were inventive and often dangerous. In one game, two kids would ride down from the top of the hill on cheap plastic Fisher-Price tricycles,





GARY WAYNE GILBERT

Beyond the Green, Irving Street

and another kid would go down on a skateboard. The object of the game was for the riders on the tricycles to smash the skateboarder on the way down. More traditional games like baseball, soccer, and run-the-bases were also often in motion. One summer, one of the guys brought out a street hockey stick that he received for Christmas, and a month later everybody had a stick and a game was going all the time.

I had some great friends in the neighborhood but at the core for me were my brothers. They always looked out for me on the group's adventures. And they taught me to ride a bike, at the nearby Perkins School for the Blind.

The school was a block up the street, and we used to hop the fence to go sledding on a great hill in the winter or ride our bikes around the property in warm weather. Perkins was understandably strict about visitors. Anyone who had not checked in was to be kicked out, and of course we had no business being there. So when guards came around during our sledding forays, we had to run, hide our snow tubes in the bushes, and mix in with the Perkins children on the playground so we wouldn't get in trouble.

WHEN I WAS EIGHT, my family moved to the more upscale suburb of Newton. Many years and a driver's license later, I circled back to the house on Irving Street. I did not

drive around for long. The neighborhood was intact, and since I never explored far as a child, I did not have a great distance to cover to revisit my old haunts. I imagined scurrying with my brothers, the hours spent trying to find all that life offered within the arms of two streets, and our contentment as we strolled back the short distance to our home. The house was smaller than I recalled.

I'd like to try someday to start my own family near this place. My kids would scurry around, as I did, and find everything they need.

Matthew O'Connor '07

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# AUF WIEDERSEHEN

German studies leads Fulbrights, again

Fourteen Fulbright fellowships were awarded in 2005 to students and recent graduates of Boston College, and eight went to students with concentrations in German studies, a record for that department.

Sponsored by the State Department, the Fulbright fellowship supports a year of post-graduate study abroad. Last year Boston College tied for 16th among U.S. research universities, with 11 student fellowships; national data on the 2005 Fulbright awards is not yet available.

German majors and minors have won 41 Fulbrights in the past 10 years, about half of the University's total. The small department of three full-time and three part-time faculty and 40 student concentrators annually turns out as many Fulbrights as some universities, an accomplishment for which students credit Professor Michael Resler, chair of the department, who himself received a Fulbright in 1970 to study the poetry of Rainer Maria Rilke in Mainz, Germany. Fellowship winner Colin Donohoe '05 recalls that on his first visit to Resler's office as a freshman, "Here was this professor already telling me that I could win this scholarship."

According to Margaret Thomas, the University's Fulbright coordinator and an associate professor of Slavic and Eastern languages, the range of countries to which



German studies Fulbright winners (from left): Matthew Thompson, Lindsay Jansen, Stephen Cottle, Jessica Wuebker, Patrick Carey, Christopher Noble, and Colin Donohoe. Not shown is Erina Megowan. The small department regularly yields more than its share of fellowship winners.

BC will send students next year has expanded as well. For the first time, India and Costa Rica have joined the list of hosting nations.

The Class of 2005 Fulbright winners and their projects:

**PATRICK CAREY**, a mathematics and philosophy major and German minor from New York City; the philosophy of mathematics, focusing on Georg Cantor's transfinite numbers and the work of Leopold Kronecker (University of Göttingen, Germany).

**STEPHEN COTTLE**, an interna-

tional studies and German major from Beverly, Massachusetts; the influence of the Green Party on German foreign policy (University of Trier, Germany).

**COLIN DONOHOE**, a biology major and German minor from Sterling, Massachusetts; cell migration in developing fruit flies (University of Tübingen, Germany).

**KRISTEN FAUCETTA**, a political science major and East European studies and history minor from Pompton Lakes, New Jersey; the fate of young adults raised in Bulgaria's or-

phanages (Sofia University, Bulgaria).

**LINDSAY JANSEN**, a political science major from Arden Hills, Minnesota; teaching English, with a business and entrepreneurial emphasis, at a high school in Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.

**ERINA MEGOWAN**, a history major from Corvallis, Oregon; research on the literature of dissent among the 1960s East German lyric poets Volker Braun, Sarah Kirsch, Reiner Kunze, and Wolf Biermann, and the novelist Ulrich Plenzdorf (University of



Halle-Wittenberg, Germany).

**CHRISTOPHER NOBLE**, a philosophy and German studies major from Slingerlands, New York; the 20th-century German philosopher Hans-Georg Gadamer (University of Freiburg, Germany).

**HANNAH NOLAN-SPOHN**, an environmental geoscience major from Forest Park, Illinois; human demographic influences on cloud forest conservation (Monteverde, Costa Rica).

**MICHAEL SCAHILL**, a biochemistry major from Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania; potential vaccine for malaria (International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi, India).

**CHRISTY SLAVIK**, a French major and history minor from Portland, Oregon; teaching English at L'Academie de Rouen, a secondary school in France.

**MATTHEW THOMPSON**, a sociology major and German and

music minor from Menasha, Wisconsin; teaching English and American studies at the Albert-Einstein-Gymnasium, a secondary school in Maintal, Germany.

**JESSICA WUEBKER**, a German major from Gloucester City, New Jersey; comparison of exhibits during and after Communist rule (Dresden Historical Museum, Germany).

In addition, **RYAN MURRAY '03**, a psychology major and French

minor from Huntington Beach, California, has been awarded a Fulbright to study the neurological and cognitive effects of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in relation to velocardiofacial syndrome at a psychiatric hospital in Geneva, Switzerland. And **SCOTT STEINKERCHNER**, OP, Ph.D.'05 (theology), will study Tibetan Buddhism in Nepal.

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## HISTORY LESSON

### How Julia Dunn got found

Thanks to a BC website, Information Wanted, launched last spring, a piece of a family puzzle has fallen into place.

As Eileen Kamerick '80 tells it, here are the sparse facts of her family's story: Her great-great-grandparents came to the United States from County Kerry, Ireland, in the mid-1800s and settled in Virginia; her great-grandmother, Julia Dunn, 11 years old, stayed behind and followed her parents and older siblings later. Julia's father paid an acquaintance to meet her and a cousin at the dock in New York. But the acquaintance never showed up.

Kamerick and her family have always believed that the man in New York "just ran off with the money," she said in a

telephone interview from Chicago, where she is CFO of a global executive-search company. "According to my great-aunts, Julia was taken in by other immigrants, found work as a housemaid, and years later was reunited with her family in Virginia. We knew her employer somehow discovered her father was looking for her. . . . What we never knew was *how*."

Last St. Patrick's Day, Kamerick's sister Maureen heard a story on National Public Radio about the new website sponsored by BC's Irish studies program, an online database holding 90 years (1831–1921) of weekly *Boston Pilot* newspaper columns in which relatives, friends, and business associates placed ads



Dunn, in later years

seeking word of Irish immigrants. The data was collected by historian Ruth-Ann Harris, a part-time faculty member.

Kamerick's sister visited the website and entered the name "Julia Dunn." What popped up on her screen in a terse

grid of information was evidence that on November 15, 1856, four months after Julia's ship arrived in America, an advertisement was placed by Edmond Dunn looking for his young daughter. Julia's descendants may never know for sure whether the *Pilot* ad brought about the family's reunion, but the notice in the Boston paper makes clear the extent of the father's search for his child.

"It was very touching to see this outstretch of human emotion come to life in the middle of a website," Kamerick said. "What we found here made my great-grandmother's story real."

*Cara Feinberg*

*The Information Wanted address is [www.infowanted.bc.edu](http://www.infowanted.bc.edu).*



# LAST CLASS

The women (and men) of Newton College '75

On June 4–5, the heart of Reunion Weekend, some 38 members of the last class to graduate from Newton College attended their 30th reunion, on the BC campus. The Class of '75 had witnessed the end of their college's nearly 30 years of dominion over what is now BC's Newton Campus, with the merger of that small women's institution of under 800 students run by the sisters of the Sacred Heart into the larger, Jesuit University, on June 30, 1975.

Members of the Class of '75 began the weekend at Alumni House with other Newton College reunion classes, seated at round tables and participating, over a light breakfast, in a moderated discussion of Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own* and Ernest Hemingway's *A Moveable Feast*. Some 35 Newton alumnae attended the discussion, which has become an NC reunion tradition in recent years.

Throughout the weekend, there was much reminiscing among the NC '75 returnees: about the early-A.M. class called "Study of Western Culture"—SWC, pronounced Swick—that was a two-year requirement; about 25-cent T-rides to downtown Boston for (by then, waning) antiwar protests; the initials "GBA," which young women wrote on weekend sign-out sheets on the chance someone should need to "locate" them in the Greater Boston Area; the NC



Members of the NC '75 flag football team. A photo of the team also appeared in the *New York Times* sports section.

team's first-place accolades at the Model U.N.; serene, candlelit Masses; and the grueling football (yes, American football) practices. For the record, the Class of 1975 won the annual senior (team name, Senior Citizens) versus sophomore (Mama's Smackers) flag football game 13–7, back in 1975. More than one alumna mentioned the photograph of the helmeted women in a team huddle featured in the sports section of the *New York Times* (caption: "Yackety-yak").

"It was a wonderful time in history to be at a women's college"—with opportunities for women growing rapidly in the workplace—and a fine time to come of age as a woman, said Joanne McCarthy Goggins,

now director of stewardship and donor relations at Boston College. Kathleen Joyce Coffey, NC '75, JD '78, the class graduation speaker in 1975, credits Newton College with preparing women "to be contributors, not spectators." Coffey is now chief justice in the West Roxbury Municipal Courts. Among NC '75 alumnae are social workers, educators, physicians, artists, and businesswomen, many of whom testify to juggling careers with motherhood.

Jo Ann Hilliard Holland, the class president in 1975, was drawn to Newton having been educated in Sacred Heart grammar and high schools. "Like the Jesuits," she says, "the religious of the Sacred

Heart were concerned with the community, the world at large, and the individual, the spiritual." The nuns were a guiding presence even in the Newton dorms where, Bonnie Walton Crosby remembers, the sisters taught bridge because it was a social grace. Dorothea Young Gilliam recalls the nuns as "dynamic" and the "coolest dressers," a sign of post-Vatican II self-empowerment.

One of the college's former teachers attended Reunion Weekend—Elizabeth White, RSCJ. An English professor, she was among the dozen or so faculty who made the move to BC in 1975, and she now serves on the Honors Program faculty. White attended the



morning literary discussion, yellow stickie notes sprouting from her copies of the Woolf and Hemingway memoirs.

IN 1969, several years before insurmountable debt and diminishing applications put Newton College on the ropes, the school technically opened its doors to men, with its participation in the federal Law Enforcement Education Program. Nine Newton police officers, all World War II veterans, attended classes with the young women of NC'75. Their perspective on the Vietnam war protests made for interesting class discussion. Richard Duffy, now 78 years old, studied politics and criminal justice and vouches for the school's rigor.

He says he tried to quit 12 times, but his wife always persuaded him to return.

Students' reactions to the announcement in March 1974 that Newton College would close ranged from sadness to devastation. Mary Ann Young Horne burst into tears when she heard the news while studying abroad in Madrid. But now it seems most recognize that the merger with Boston College was the best possible scenario. The alumnae are happy to be associated with the University and to be able to go back to "their" campus for reunions. (I only saw one reunion name tag with "Boston" crossed out and scribbled over with "Newton.")

In 1975, Boston College

offered the Newton College students BC degrees. Of the 207 members of the graduating class, most, including the police officers, accepted; 54 women elected to appear on the commencement program that year as receiving their degrees from Newton.

In a parting letter in the May/June 1975 *Newton Newsnotes*, then Newton President James J. Whalen wrote, "NC as a place and a time for women will not end. . . . It will continue to live as long as those of us who have profited here are willing to share with others the ideals and ideas we discovered here." Attending the Newton reunions this year was BC Professor Judith Wilt. She was

there, she said, to tell the alumnae what she was doing with "your professorship." Wilt holds the Newton College Alumnae Chair in Western Culture at Boston College, established by Newton alumnae, and the endowed chair's funds help to sponsor visiting writers, such as last year's Barbara Ehrenreich and next year's Adrienne Rich.

Wilt takes every opportunity to mention her Newton College sponsorship. "It is important," she says, "to keep this name and this idea in front of all the people at BC."

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## RECYCLED

### *The things they leave behind*

For three days preceding and including Commencement, 85 Boston College alumni, faculty, staff, and community volunteers fanned out through the University's lower campus residence halls, wheeling chest-high recycling bins. They were part of Cleansweep, a program begun by the Alumni Association in 1992 to collect donated items from departing seniors and undergraduates for redistribution by local charities.



An estimated 50,000 usable pieces of furniture, stuffed animals, art and music equipment, luggage, and much else were transported to the Rec Plex basketball court and first-floor lounge of Edmond's Hall for sorting. On the day following graduation, representatives from 40 Greater Boston charities arrived to pick up the donations. The following is a partial accounting of the goods:

- 92 packing boxes of canned and dry food goods
- 30 microfridges
- 16 pairs of crutches
- 15 floor-length mirrors
- 11 Wiffle-ball bats
- seven boxes of plastic hangers, each five feet tall
- Sega Genesis, with six games
- copies of *Anna Karenina*, *The Selected Writings of Karl Marx*, *Nicomachean Ethics*, and *The Divine Comedy*
- box containing red leather boots and fairy wings
- life-size cardboard cutout of Will Ferrell, from the movie *Elf*
- Scooby Doo costume, size large
- *Christmas in Branson, MO*, a music CD
- Pilates workout video
- large bowl of quarters



# YOUTH MOVEMENT

Religious education attracts a new demographic

BC's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (IREPM) is seeing a growing influx of young adults to its graduate programs. Twenty- to 29-year-olds now constitute the largest age group among IREPM degree students. Theology Professor Thomas Groome, the institute's director, calls the younger students "modern-day tentmakers": Like the Apostle Paul, who preached the gospel while making tents for a living, they are serious about participating in the formal ministries of the Catholic community while supporting themselves in other professions. According to Groome, IREPM has had to find new ways to accommodate their experiences, backgrounds, interests, and needs.

A decade ago, individuals in their twenties accounted for only 17 percent of IREPM degree students; the largest age group was the 40- to 49-year-olds, who made up nearly one-third. Now, the demographics have flipped; twenty-somethings make up 30 percent of enrollment, and forty-somethings, 24 percent. During this period, the total number of IREPM degree students has grown by more than half, from 110 to 169.

Most of the younger students, says Groome, come to IREPM after going through a defining volunteer or service experience during or just after college that sparked their faith. "Theirs is a Dorothy Day kind



IREPM students (from left) Caroline Kondrat, Megan Pryor, and JoAnne Harbert, with director Thomas Groome

of Catholicism," he says.

Caroline Kondrat, who at 25 is working toward dual master's degrees in pastoral ministry and social work, graduated from John Carroll University, then served as a Peace Corp volunteer in Kenya. The experience "affirmed my desire to pursue social work," she says. At the same time, Kondrat recalls, the clergy sexual abuse scandals led her to see "the Church as being my work."

According to Groome, IREPM's joint degree programs in particular have drawn the younger students to the institute, notably the joint master's in pastoral ministry and social

work, introduced in 1989.

Glynn Forkey, 24, spent two years as a Franciscan Volunteer in Philadelphia after graduating from St. Bonaventure University. "I'm getting an MSW," she says, to "be able to provide in a pastoral way for . . . people who otherwise slip through the cracks."

IREPM also offers dual master's programs combining pastoral ministry with counseling psychology (since 1997), nursing (2000), and education administration (2002).

IREPM was begun in 1971 to educate priests and nuns, primarily, on changes brought

about by the Second Vatican Council. Eighty percent of the 20- to 29-year-olds who attended were on their way to becoming vowed religious. By contrast, what today's younger students need most, Groome says, "is spiritual formation, deepening of their ecclesial identity, and knowledge of the whole tradition of Catholic faith" gained through retreats and workshops.

IREPM is preparing to launch four new programs in September: Hispanic ministry, parish religious education, high-school religious teaching, and hospital chaplaincy.

Sean Smith



# Time traveler

Associate Dean D. Michael Ryan practices history in his spare time

Interview by Cara Feinberg

**What does it take to be a historical interpreter at Minute Man National Historical Park in Concord, Massachusetts?**

Well, it takes research, of course, but there's something else. When I do first-person interpretation, I prepare as if I were an athlete. I arrive a half hour before the public, to warm up. By the time the public gets there, I am Captain Billy Smith, the often drunken, nowadays forgotten, only brother of Abigail Adams.

**Who else is in your repertoire?**

Jonas Bateman, a farmer and minuteman; Dr. John Cuming, a Concord physician and town meeting moderator; Dr. Charles Russell, a Lincoln physician; and Fr. Bernard Flood, a Catholic priest from Concord. From April through November, I also take part in historical reenactments. This past weekend, the 18th-century music group in which I drum and sing, the Jolly Rogues, went to a colonial weekend on a farm up in Newbury—we were entertainers in a military encampment. We stayed in period tents and cooked stews and broths over an open fire.

**Wasn't there a nor'easter that weekend?**

If you're into it, you don't count on weather one way or the other.



In Concord, Captain Billy Smith

**What is the greatest sin a reenactor can commit?**

Not handling a weapon properly. Bayonet sticks are common. As a Vietnam veteran, I've been around weapons and I know how important it is to pay attention.

Some of the people who take these reenactments too seriously have never been in the military. You find them on all sides—British, American, Hessian, French. Sometimes, they cause fighting within the units. In fact, I have never been in a unit that didn't have infighting.

**Do you use real muskets?**

The only thing we don't have is musket balls.

**How real does it feel in a battle reenactment?**

Even though the public's watching, you're out there on your own with nothing but the smell of the gunpowder, the sweat, the people screaming and falling all around you, and the ground shaking as the cavalry charges down the hill. For those 10 minutes, you're there.

**Why do you do it?**

I know what it's like in war to feel your chest pounding from fear and excitement—and I don't reenact because I want that experience again. Somewhere in my soul is the historical connection. As a kid, I used to sneak into an old barn behind our house. I'd

find old newspapers, pieces of farm equipment. I'd wonder what the place looked like 100 years ago.

**In battle, how do you decide who will be a casualty?**

We usually decide beforehand—all battles are scripted right down to hand-to-hand combat. But sometimes, if you're tired or you run out of gunpowder, you just drop.

**Do onlookers ever jump in?**

Once in Quebec, we were doing a battle reenactment on the Plains of Abraham. I was playing a French priest ministering to the dying and wounded on the field when two British soldiers came down the hill. They winked, so I knew they were going to come over and hassle me. One of them took out his musket and pretended to hit me and I spun around and fell in the mud. The crowd started surging and swearing in French. The two soldiers took off.

**Are you partial to a particular side?**

I've been on all sides: minuteman, militiaman, I've been a French ensign. The only army I haven't served in is the Hessian.

**How come?**

I don't have the uniform.



# The suitcase

HOW MY MOTHER LOST HER IRISHNESS

The letter to my mother from the Irish Land Registry stated that Thomas W. was claiming rights to the property of Michael M. in the town of R.

Thomas W. was a distant cousin of my mother's who now lived mostly in Australia. Michael M. was my mother's grandfather. My mother puzzled over the letter. Because the title to the property was still registered in the name of Michael M., it seemed the Land Registry was required to ask: Did my mother and the other heirs, all now in America, wish to contest the man's claim?

"The back of beyond," my grandfather had always snorted about those three acres on a hill above the sea on which he was born and raised. It had been my grandmother who wanted to go "home" and had raised my mother to expect it. "Don't get too close to these other kids," she'd warn each new school year, "you'll have new friends, better ones, when we get home. This year, surely." The result was that my mother grew up to always feel more Irish than anyone else in the room. But though my mother might have thought of Ireland as her true native land, she has only visited once. And both her parents eventually died in America.

The home my grandfather left as a young man was a stone cottage, one room with a loft above, in which he, the eighth and last child, was born to his 50-something mother in 1894. ("The shakings of the bag," they had said, "but a boy at least.") The thatched stone cottage remained a family home for a brother and sister left behind, until the 1950s, when my grandfather and his sisters in America sent money to help build a larger home on the



LEFT: The author's grandfather (right), shortly before sailing to America.

property for the two others. The stone cottage became a one-car garage.

When I was 28, I traveled to tiny R., where the road signs were still in Irish and the house sat at the height of a hill overlooking the bay

at the end of a road. The house was vacant; at the pub I had learned that "the Australian" often rented it to tourists. I loved the cottage-turned-garage best, and I peered in the windows at the dusty cement floor. The home was one-storied, with bay windows from which to watch the sun rising from the sea.

Of the eight children in my grandfather's family, three stayed behind. The oldest, Minnie, was married off at 18 to



an elderly, land-owning farmer. It was on the night before her wedding that my grandfather, listening to her tearful protests, determined he'd leave Ireland for good. Minnie died young. Thomas, next in line, married but had no children, and his wife died young, too. Johanna fell in love with a fisherman. Each day during their engagement, from her garden gate, she watched him row out to sea. At day's end, she waited and watched as he rowed back. One day, he didn't.

Brother and sister lived together in the house above the water until the late 1960s when one, then the other, died. And then, under circumstances that have always remained murky, a distant cousin from the village moved in. The child of that cousin was the man now claiming squatter's rights to the property, his family having had possession for many years. But as my mother construed the legal matters, this cousin couldn't claim the house without permission of the American heirs of my grandfather and his siblings and their issue (myself included), and so my mother, thinking to set right a wrong done to her father's family many years earlier, began to consider what she might do to restore the family's patrimony.

SHE TURNED TO history, to the hallway closet, from which she pulled a peeling, brown, calf-skin suitcase filled with copies of weekly letters between my grandfather and those "at home."

The task of reading took two days. When I visited, she would read snippets aloud to me, and her mood darkened.

After Johanna died, two cousins, it turned out, fought almost immediately over the land. One wanted title to a pathway that led from the road to fresh water he needed for his sheep. The other didn't want to give up his claim to the path. Each wrote separately to ask my grandfather for the house and land, one so he could bring his sheep to water (and, he added, provide a home for his widowed mother) and the other so he could defend the place from the sheep.

My grandfather had kept a handwritten copy of each letter he sent. In 1970 one cousin offered 100 pounds. My grandfather rejected the offer, writing, "It's not a chicken coop!" He wanted to retain the property for the family, for the future. And so he put the feuding cousins off over years. But ultimately one of the cousins and his lawyer produced a will signed with a deathbed X by the stroke victim Johanna, in which she assigned the property to the cousin.

Signed by the testatrix by making her mark hereto she being unable to sign her name through physical debility, said will having truly and audibly being read over and explained to her and she seemed perfectly to understand the same said mark being affixed in our joint presence and we signed as witnesses in her presence.

Of course, neither the house nor the land was entirely Johanna's to give. It belonged jointly to the remaining heirs.

That X, however, was enough to let one set of cousins in the front door. They began to use the house, for vacations, mostly. My grandfather threatened to visit and straighten things out, but he never did. He died in 1973.

"I could spit!" my mother said. With each letter she read, her anger had grown, but she saved the worst of it for her father, who had acted as his own lawyer (he was a union organizer by profession) and failed to protect his own interests or ours. "I'm a little conversant with legal matters," he wrote in one letter, "however, as they say, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." My mother more than agreed.

My mother pulled me into Phase II of her project: Type this, fax that, call him, e-mail her. My grandfather's ill-fated policy of grandiloquent letters and no action notwithstanding, she felt we had to protest this cousin's claim.

Consulate, land registry, Irish attorneys—my mother placed call after call. On advice from an Irish friend, she called an attorney in R. and told her story, raising questions about the deathbed X my Auntie Johanna had made. An X from Johanna, a fully literate woman, as her many letters to my grandfather attested? Would this attorney investigate?

And what might she be suggesting about Solicitor B., who had introduced the very man she was calling to the field of law? the lawyer replied. Maybe in America she could get away with such accusations, but be assured, in Ireland her insinuations held no sway, and the dead would be left to rest, and the land would remain with the Irish, and no, not for a million pounds would she be able to hire him!

Even polite and soothing words from the Land Registry could not take away the sting of the Irish lawyer's words. "American!" he had said. Yes, she was told by the Land Registry in one phone call, you have a case. Yes, you can pursue it. No, the outcome doesn't look good because in Ireland, as in every country, squatters have rights to property. After 12 years of possession, the squatter can file a legal claim to title.

"It's over," my mother said to me upon hanging up the phone. She sat down on her sofa with my grandfather's letters scattered around her, dozens of letters written in slanted script on parchment paper. "That's it," she said. "I've lost everything."

"Everything?" I teased, motioning around me. She did, after all, have plenty of claim here.

"Yes," she said, "I can't look at any of it the same way now. I'm Irish no more." She tilted her chin. "So cancel the Irish Mist for my funeral." With that, she gathered the letters in and closed the suitcase.

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# ALL RISE

*Trial by jury is probably the worst way to administer justice, except all the others*

BY DENNIS HALE

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The Cambridge District Court on Thorndike Street in East Cambridge is a corrugated 24-story box of a building with a jail, visible from the street, occupying its top floors. Taking up a city block, the courthouse looms over the neighborhood's triple-deckers and townhouses, offering one more reason to dislike the municipal architecture of the 1970s. But this fortress is where justice is undertaken in Middlesex County—and where several thousand citizens present themselves for jury duty every year.

These days, all who have business before the court enter through a single public entrance and join lines at metal detectors (except for the attorneys, who get to skip the security routine). Once past inspection, the people who will judge and the people who will be judged ride the same elevators to their different fates: Defendants and litigants go to the courtrooms on the upper floors. Prospective jurors go to a waiting room on the fifth floor, where they sit on folding chairs under fluorescent lights. From there they are ushered into another room to listen to the Presentation, which sets out their duties and the noble role that jury service has played in the life of the Republic.

In less harried times, jurors received this instruction directly from judges. Here, for example, is Supreme Court



The courthouse, viewed from Centanni Way

Justice Joseph Story, then of the Federal Circuit in Portland, Maine, addressing a grand jury in 1820:

You are to inquire with diligence, and to make true and faithful presentments, unaffected by any motives, but those which should influence conscientious and rational minds. You are to inquire without fear, favor, affection, or hope of reward, on the one side; and without the prejudices arising from hatred, envy, or malice, on the other. I am sure, that I need hardly press upon your attention the solemnity, dignity, and importance of your office.

These days, however, the Presentation is usually delivered by a television set. In Massachusetts, jurors watch a 15-minute video featuring Chief Justice Margaret Marshall.

On the winter day when I visited the courthouse, about 120 citizens were scheduled for jury duty in Courtroom 7B. (The building holds 21 courtrooms.) The first trial on the docket was a civil case in which a fertility clinic was charged with breach of contract for helping a client conceive a second child, allegedly without her husband's consent. The father, now divorced, was seeking \$3 million in damages. The trial was to begin on the following day and was expected to





The presentation video plays on two screens

last for two weeks. Under Massachusetts's "one day, one trial" law, jurors rejected for this case would be sent back to the waiting room to be available for another. At the end of the day, unless they had been picked for a trial, their obligation for the next three years would be deemed met.

An unexpected delay in the proceedings had kept the jurors trapped in the waiting room for two hours, and when they filed into Courtroom 7B it was clear they weren't happy. Taking seats on the visitors' benches or left to crowd against the back wall, they did not smile or chat but stared into the middle distance like travelers stranded in an airline terminal during a blizzard. I wondered which of them I would want on my jury if I were in trouble with the law. How about that big scowling guy leaning against the wall? Or the young woman sitting on the edge of her seat, tapping her feet and frowning?

Unfortunately for jurors, the process of jury selection is slow. But among lawyers, politicians, and legal scholars, there are other, more serious complaints leveled against the jury system: that ordinary people are often incapable of un-

derstanding society's increasingly complex, technology-bound cases; that juror bias is inevitable and that attorneys have learned to manipulate jury selection, not to combat bias but to exploit it; that when juries do render sensible judgments, their performance is no better than that of a single judge acting alone. Harry Kalven, Jr., and Hans Zeisel, in their pioneering study of jury decision-making, *The American Jury* (1966), found that judges and jurors agreed about 80 percent of the time in personal injury cases. If that figure is generally accurate, critics ask, what is the point of having civil juries at all? Why not skip all the time-consuming folderol and go straight to a judge?

GOING STRAIGHT to the judge is what most countries do, even in criminal cases. The United States is now the only country in the world where trial by jury is still an important part of the legal order. Great Britain has all but abolished jury trials in civil cases over the past 40 years, and it reserves the criminal jury for offenses that carry long prison terms. Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms



guarantees citizens the right to a jury in criminal trials, but the Canadian Parliament has restricted that right to crimes that carry prison terms of five years or more; juries for civil litigation are rare. Elsewhere in the English-speaking world, either jury trials are no longer available or their use has been severely restricted by statute. Outside the English-speaking world, juries have never been important. In most countries, trials are conducted by judge magistrates, who, acting alone, achieve conviction rates that approach perfection: 99.9 percent in Japan, for example, and 95 percent in France. (The record is probably held by the Soviet Union, where magistrates convicted 99.95 percent of those who came before them on charges.)

Which leaves the United States as the undisputed champion of the jury trial, even though only about 3 percent of all criminal convictions and 2 percent of civil judgments are returned by juries (the rest are decided by judges or through plea bargains). Still, we impanel a lot of juries—about 32,000 for criminal cases and 14,000 for civil cases—and summon a lot of jurors: some 5 million citizens each year (although in some cities only 10 percent of those called actually show up). Juries render verdicts in cases ranging from criminal offenses carrying the death penalty to garden-variety contract and property disputes to highly technical civil litigation. And because trial by jury is a constitutional right, the *possibility* of a jury trial figures in the strategy of everyone who goes to court, influencing even cases in which juries are never called, by spurring many litigants toward settlement. In a sense, the jury is a bit like the shotgun behind the door; if everyone knows it's there, it might not have to be used.

The case for amateur judging has not been helped by such high-profile events as the trials of O.J. Simpson in 1995 and 1997 and the McDonald's "hot coffee" litigation in 1994. Simpson was acquitted of the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman by a criminal jury in 1995, but two years later a civil jury found him liable for Goldman's death and for battery on Nicole. The jury in the McDonald's case awarded \$2.7 million to a plaintiff who scalded herself with a cup of very hot coffee. In these and other cases, juries returned verdicts that were widely (though not universally) regarded as flawed, even absurd. Many Americans (though not most black Americans) believe that Simpson was guilty of murder, and that the jury in his criminal trial had been unduly swayed by the memory of police misconduct in other cases involving black defendants. The McDonald's jury seemed to have articulated an absurdly generous definition of "corporate negligence," apparently absolving the plaintiff of any responsibility for her own welfare. Doubts about jury verdicts have consequences: After the Simpson trial, and for the first time ever, a (bare) majority of Americans supported the proposition that trial by jury should be abolished.

It would take a lot more than a shift in public opinion or

even a legislative majority to get rid of jury trial in this country. Civil and criminal juries are protected by the federal Constitution, which may be why U.S. juries have not gone the way of Canada's and Britain's. Contention over the system is likely to continue, however, as more trials are conducted in the full glare of television, where every blemish is revealed for all to see.

IT MIGHT BE a mistake to read much into the lusterless appearance of the Cambridge District Courthouse. Democracy ain't fancy, and most Americans would probably choose a plain county courthouse in the United States over a French *palais*, where magistrates can convict people without any help from mere citizens. But it is hard not to receive a subliminal message from the drab surroundings and the impersonal video instruction: the message that jury duty isn't important enough to justify expenditures on amenities, or the personal attention of court officers.

The courtroom itself, while clean and well kept, continues the utilitarian theme of the building's exterior. It is a circular room with a translucent ceiling through which fluorescent bulbs deliver just enough light to read by. Sixteen padded, blue vinyl chairs—the only color aside from the national and state flags pushed against the back wall—are lined up behind a railing on one side; opposite them, across the room, eight identical chairs are set aside for guests of the court. Eight rows of wooden benches fill up the center rear, for members of the general public who wish to observe, or, now, for jurors waiting to be examined. The court's business takes place on the other side of a wooden railing—the "bar," literally—which runs nearly the full width of the room, separating the officers of the court from the general public. The clerk of the court sits behind a slightly raised desk furnished with a computer, and behind him, raised still higher, is the wide wooden bench for the judge—on this day, the Honorable Julian T. Houston. A witness box is to the judge's right, and to his left are a table and chairs for the judge's law clerk and the court reporter. Two uniformed court officers stand nearby.

Except for the flags, there are no adornments: no state seal, no photographs of the governor or of eminent jurists, no classical columns, no murals depicting great moments in the history of jurisprudence—nothing to suggest either the majesty of the law or the special qualities of the Republic in whose name the law will be executed. The room seems a little like a high school auditorium.

Once all 120 jurors were present, there was a fair amount of paper shuffling and whispered conferencing among the attorneys, and consultations between the clerk and the uniformed officers. Then the clerk commanded, "All rise for His Honor, Judge Julian Houston," and up we all went.

Judge Houston emerged from his quarters on the other  
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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLASS NOTES

## Alumni Connections: Faculty Speaker Series

Through the national chapter program, the Alumni Association last spring launched Alumni Connections: The Boston College Faculty Speaker Series. The goal of this new initiative is to provide opportunities for alumni across the country to engage BC faculty in discussions about their research and areas of expertise. Faculty will travel to chapter regions to read from and lead discussions about their recently published works. By doing so, they will provide yet another avenue for alumni to reconnect with BC's mission and renew their appreciation of the University's commitment to academic excellence.

More than a dozen faculty members have already agreed to participate, and the Alumni Association is pleased to host Alumni Connections events in the following chapters this fall:

- September 14, 2005, Northern California Chapter, with Professor Alan Wolfe
- October 6, 2005, Rhode Island Chapter, with Professor Alan Wolfe
- October 20, 2005, Western Pennsylvania Chapter, with Professor Paul Mariani
- November 21 or 22, 2005, Chicago Chapter

Please visit the above chapters' Websites, available via [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni), for more information on dates, times and locations. We hope you will join us at an upcoming event in a chapter near you.

## Football Travel Packages

Join the Boston College Alumni Association in cheering on the Boston College Eagles as they embark on their inaugural season in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Our travel partner, Quinwell Travel, has put together great packages for this fall's away games that include hotel accommodations and tickets to the game and to the exclusive Boston College pre-game tailgate party. For more information, visit [www.quinwell.com](http://www.quinwell.com) or call toll-free 877-272-3771.

Packages are available for the following games:

- Brigham Young University – September 2-4, 2005
- Clemson – September 23-25, 2005
- Virginia Tech – October 26-28, 2005
- North Carolina – November 4-6, 2005
- Maryland – November 18-19, 2005

For fans traveling to Boston for this year's home games, the Alumni Association will again hold FanFest two hours prior to kick-off in the Flynn Recreation Complex. This family-oriented pre-game event is quickly becoming a Boston College tradition. Featuring a barbecue-style meal, interactive games and cheerleader and mascot appearances, FanFest is fun for alumni of all ages. Stay tuned to [bceagles.collegesports.com](http://bceagles.collegesports.com) for kick-off times.

## 2005 Alumni Achievement Awards

The Alumni Association is pleased to continue this year its tradition of honoring distinguished graduates at the Alumni Achievement Awards Ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 7 p.m. at Robsham Theater. All alumni and friends are invited to join us as we recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the following distinguished alumni:

### Arts and Humanities:

J. Arch Getty MA '73, PhD '79

### Public Service:

Robert F.X. Hart '60, MSW '62

### Commerce:

Susan McManama Gianinno '70

### Religion:

Kenneth F. Hackett '68

### Education:

Catherine Ronan Karrels '90

### Science:

Leo F. Power, Jr. '56, MA '64, MBA '72

### Health:

Joan B. Fitzmaurice '66, PhD '86

### Young Alumni Award of Excellence:

Adrianna S. Rodriguez '04

### Law:

Richard W. Renahan '55

### William V. McKenney Award:

William C. McInnes, SJ '44, MA '51

### Special Recognition Award:

Class of 1956 Lynch School of Education

A complimentary reception immediately following the ceremony will be held in the Heights Room, Corcoran Commons. To RSVP, please call 800-669-8430.

To nominate an alumna/us for the 2006 Alumni Achievement Awards, please visit [www.bc.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bc.edu/alumniawards)

## REUNION 2006: SAVE THE DATE

It's not too soon to begin planning to attend Reunion Weekend 2006, which will be held on June 1-4, 2006. (Activities on June 1 are for Class of 1956 Golden Eagles only.) 2006 is not just another year. Join your Boston College and Newton College classmates for a weekend of reminiscing and renewing your ties to alma mater. Stay tuned to [www.bc.edu/reunion](http://www.bc.edu/reunion) for all of the latest details.

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Dear Boston College and Newton College Alums,

I am honored to be writing to you as the president of the Boston College Alumni Association. As an alumna of Newton College of the Sacred Heart, I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of and serve this wonderful community.

This will be a year of transition for the University and the Alumni Association in many ways. Boston College officially joined the Atlantic Coast Conference on July 1. This new affiliation will provide many new academic and athletic opportunities for the University. Furthermore, after five years of dedicated service, Grace Cotter Regan '82 stepped down as executive director in order to pursue an advanced degree at BC's Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. Under Grace's leadership and that of Senior Associate Director Jack Moynihan, the national chapter program was launched and the Alumni Association truly became a national organization. We are sincerely grateful to both Grace and Jack, who has recently accepted a position at Northeastern University, and wish them well in their new endeavors.

Thanks also go to Kip Doran '68, last year's Alumni Association president, for his leadership and commitment to representing the interests of all alumni, regardless of where they call home. I would like to acknowledge Tom Mahoney '74, the outgoing treasurer, and John Griffin '65, the outgoing past president, as well as welcome the newly elected officers and board members, whose term of office began July 1. I would also like to welcome Peter McLaughlin '59 to his new role as acting executive director of the Alumni Association.



Did you know:

- There are 143,000 alumni of Boston College, including 3,000 graduates of Newton College, comprising the largest Catholic alumni group in the United States.
- Online course offerings are available.
- In preparation for its 50th reunion, the Class of 1956 will be taking a cruise from Barcelona to Rome, Athens and Istanbul.
- The Class of 1965 broke a record in class giving last spring with a reunion gift totaling \$7.4 million.
- Reunion 2005 saw an 11 percent increase in attendance over the previous year.
- *US News & World Report* ranks BC in the top 40 colleges and universities; those ranked higher have a higher percentage of alumni giving.
- Freshmen send-offs are being held across the country for students in BC's Class of 2009.
- Alumni chapters are hosting lectures by BC faculty thanks to Alumni Connections, a new faculty speaker series. Visit your local chapter's Web page, available via [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni), to find out what your chapter is planning for the fall.
- The Institute for Learning in Retirement has moved to BC's new retreat center in Dover, MA. More than 400 participants take advantage of the course offerings each year.
- Daily Mass is celebrated at Campion Center, the Jesuit retirement center in Weston, MA, for deceased graduates of BC and Newton College.

This is an exciting time to be part of the University community. I invite each of you to connect with Boston College in new and exciting ways – through courses, lectures, seminars, concerts, plays, art exhibits and athletic contests. If you are unable to attend any of these events and you have access to the Internet, I encourage you to log on to BC's Website, [www.bc.edu](http://www.bc.edu), where many events are available via streaming video on Front Row.

The Board of Directors and I welcome your suggestions and comments as we embark on a new academic year and a new year in which to renew your ties to the University

Sincerely,

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We regret to report the passing of **Daniel I. Cronin, Sr.**, on April 22, 2005, at the age of 92. Daniel had been very active in BC alumni circles over the years, including as a member of the Fund Council, a class officer and a class correspondent. He had a 36-year career in public welfare administration and served as a consultant to federal, state and local welfare systems. The United Way of Massachusetts Bay presented Daniel with the Mary B. Newman award for exceptional volunteer service, helping to provide families with basic needs like food and housing during personal emergencies. He was a long-time board member of the Jamaica Plain Neighbor House, Catholic Charities and the Nazareth Child Care Center. He received the Harriet Tubman Award in recognition for 20 years of service on the board of United South End Settlements. Daniel will be most fondly remembered for his keen sense of humor and his dedication to his family. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth (McCarthy) Cronin. He leaves seven children: Daniel Cronin, Jr. ('66, Law '69) of Milton, Dennis Cronin ('76) of Dedham, Edward "Ted" Cronin of Springfield, VA, Mary Clark of Scituate, Barbara Sullivan of Medfield, Patricia Cronin of Glastonbury, CT, and Carolyn Golden of Lawrence. He also leaves 15 grandchildren, including Mark Golden ('90) and Peter Golden ('94), two step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In addition, he leaves a sister, Mary, of Milton and a brother, Jerry ('40), of Cheshire, CT. He was predeceased by a brother, John ('37), formerly of Gloucester.

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The Honor Roll of Donors for the 2003-04 academic school year included from our class **Bill Coffey, Tom Dowling, Bill Hannan, Bob Huddy, Bob Mead, Tom Ryan, Ed Sullivan, Walter Sullivan** and in memoriam for **John Halloran,**

**Paul Hurley** and **Jack Murphy.** The amounts given were not listed, which is a kind way of doing it. The "President's Circle" and the "Just Made the Minimum" categories are all in together. • Our "remember" feature this time is about **Elmer Rynne**, the best tennis player in the college during our four years. Elmer owned a sporting goods store in Lowell – the oldest, he said, in the country (1830). When I was working in Boston City Hall, he showed up one morning with a heavy maroon-and-gold jacket that he had designed and manufactured for me. The body of the jacket was maroon woolen cloth, and the sleeves were gold leather, as was the trim around the pockets. The unique feature, however, was the college seal, emblazoned with the words "Aien Aristeuin" in Greek letters. Elmer, coming from a nonclassical background, was fascinated when introduced to Greek. (The jacket is in perfect shape and could and should be hung under glass in the college library.) Elmer was one of the special people in the Class of 1935.

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## REUNION YEAR

Old soldiers never die – they just fade away. We old '36ers do die, but we don't just fade away. Example No. 1: The Fall issue of the hockey magazine *Maroon & Gold* ran an article on our late classmate **Tim Ready**, who "made history by making 82 saves against Princeton in February 1936." It's still a BC record. He was selected as goalie of the year on the All-New England team. Example No. 2: The May issue of *Chronicle* reported on the 113th annual Fulton Prize Debate, won this year by a student whose home is in Coral Springs, FL. In citing the Fulton Prize Debate, the names of three prominent past winners were mentioned, one of whom was our late classmate Bishop **Larry Riley**. Example No. 3: In May, Charlie Marso was voted into the BC Athletic Hall of Fame. As you may recall, he had a great pitching record at BC. Charlie came from Natick – and before there was a **Jim Abbot** there was Charlie. After graduation he taught physics and coached baseball at Natick High. He along with others elected will be inducted into the hall at a dinner in October. So a high 5 for Charlie! • In late May **Steve Hart, Frank Hilbrunner** and I enjoyed our annual late-morning breakfast at the Newton Marriott. Steve's brother Joe, a St. Anslem's graduate, joined us. (We made him an honorary '36er for the day.) Good food, a lot of talk, a lot of fun – a good morning. • Sometimes Class Notes do not always get published as written. In this case, I'm sorry to say that the Spring 2005 issue failed to properly identify **Vin Mahoney** as our late classmate. My apologies to the Mahoney family. • You probably will be reading these notes in September, but it's not too soon to start thinking about next year when we will be celebrating our 70th year out of BC. How should we try to celebrate it? A luncheon at BC? A lunch or a dinner at the BC Club in Boston? A Duck-Boat ride down the Charles? A late breakfast at the Newton Marriott or a similar location? Or should we just stay home and continue to

enjoy life? I'm wide open to any suggestions, so if you have any thoughts or ideas on the matter drop me a line or give me a call.

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Greetings once again, thank God. News re: BC '39ers is still in short supply. Indeed the only sad and belated news to report is that **Paul L. Ryan** has joined his deceased classmates. Paul in our campus years was our fluent French speaker, so it was not surprising to learn that during World War II he was involved with the French forces and was later awarded the Croix de Guerre. Upon leaving the military, he earned his graduate degrees, taught at BC and Assumption College, and later served as dean of the Graduate School at Assumption and a top administrator at Quinsigamond Community College. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to all members of his family. • Today's obituary page unfortunately adds the name of one more deceased classmate. **John Monahan** of Milton went to his heavenly reward on June 3, 2005. John had not only been an active and happy presence at our Class of 1939 affairs but had for many years been a highly respected physician in the South Shore area. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to his wife, Mary, and to his children and grandchildren. • This reported, no letters, e-mail, telephone calls or Alumni Office updates provide any further classmate news. Ergo, we'll sign off for this issue with the prayerful hope that we're all hanging in there with happy, if somewhat clouded, memories of our "dayhop" student days at BC. That was some 70 years ago. Keep our deceased and not-so-healthy surviving classmates in your prayers. Peace!

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Jane Tilley advised that **Bob Tilley** was living in Windsor Nursing Home in South Yarmouth. He and my predecessor for these notes, the memorable and unforgettable **John McLaughlin**, plus the late **Al Sinofsky** were Roxbury's gift to the Class of '40. Bob had a very distinguished career as a dermatologist. It was a pleasure to find his mind as sharp as ever and thankful that his memories were able to contribute so much to our reunion. We were a foursome from the bailiwick of the late Honorable James Michael Curley, who believed that BC offered Roxbury boys a chance to make it in America. We demonstrated the wisdom of the "purple shamrock." • We heard from **John Ryan**, who is living in an assisted-living luxury facility in Danvers. John's career as a US



expert on the fishery industry was a direct consequence of his biology training at BC. Like the poet said, it was only a small college but it meant the world to me, *sic* "The Linden Trees."

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## REUNION YEAR

First of all, it was a great pleasure and honor to greet old friends, our classmates, at our annual luncheon at BC on June 7, 2005. My count shows about 15 of us, many accompanied by relatives. Time passes quickly, and our graduate list diminishes yearly with the passing of our devoted classmates. I ask your prayers for them in the realm of God and accordingly their prayers for us and our families. • Bishop **Joe Maguire** (my cardinal), ably assisted by Fr. **Ed Cowhig**, celebrated the annual Mass with the bishop's usual warm, timely and loving comments for the deceased, for all of us and for our loved ones. It's sad when you picture past occasions at this well-attended Mass and imagine the faces in your mind of departed classmates. However, life goes on, so pray for our survival in health and happiness along with our relatives. Wake up every morning and thank God for the night and ask Him to make it a Jesus day in every way. • In attendance at the Mass were **Tom Galligan** and wife, **Jim Murray** and daughter, **Dave Merrick**, Jack Hannon and daughters, **Nick Sottile** and sister Mary, **Walt Dubzinski**, **John Colahan** and son, **Jack Cullen** and wife, **Bill Brewin** and wife, **Bill Weiss**, Mary and **Jack Callahan**, **Fran Blouin** and wife, Ruth Jones and Mary McCafferty. • **Dan Doyle** sent a note wishing his best to all. • Also, **Len McDermott** wrote from Manassas, VA, where he resides with family members. Len sends well wishes, well expressed in his love of classmates and of Boston College. • I also received a letter from Edward Morey III, son of our classmate **Edward Morey, Jr.**, who passed away on October 4, 2004. Edward enclosed a news release from *Variety* magazine about his dad and his dad's accomplishments in the motion picture industry, namely as vice president at Warner Bros. and director at Republic Studios, among other honors. He was a true legend of the industry and also a great rooter of BC football and basketball. • **Dave Merrick** continues his prowess in golf, and sources in Naples, FL, tell of his excellent performance and feel if he

were a few years younger he would be the club "pro." • To Bishop Joe Maguire and to Fr. Cowhig, my loyal friend, and to all classmates, I thank you for my correspondent position with the opportunity to maintain contact with the class. • To Nick Sottile, thanks for your every effort to keep the class together, for the considerable time involved and for your deep and concentrated effort on our behalf and that of BC. • To the wife of **Ralph Ryan**, who was a star member of his high school track team and continued his track achievements with star performances at BC, thanks for your call. • Again, may the good Lord and his blessed mother be with us always and in all ways. AMDG.

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When repetition involves **Bob Drinan** he manages to make it good news. Subsequent to being awarded the American Bar Association's ABA Medal in August 2004, Bob was the recipient of the Boston College Law School's first Distinguished Service Medal. Congratulations. • Continuing with the "congratulations" one must include **Bob Muse**. The 1950 graduation of his wife, Mary, followed by the 1990 graduation of daughter Patricia and the 2005 graduation of granddaughter Julie, represent three generations of graduates from the Boston College Law School. • Thanks to **John Fitzgerald**, notice of a memorial Mass for **Bill Gaine** was sent to Bill's family. • It is with a very heavy heart that I report that former Alumni Association President **Jim Stanton**, the recipient in 1963 of the William V. McKenney Award as outstanding alumnus, the Rahle Medal (Presidential Bicentennial Award) in 1976, President of the Class of 1942 and a dear, personal friend, suffered a severe stroke in early February and died on March 29, 2005. Jim was a leader of leaders in all activities relating to alma mater, often spending more time on BC projects than he did in his own private business. To him, being a member of the Boston College family was a great honor, and through his relationship with others he brought honor and dignity to all Boston College graduates. We, his classmates, are extremely proud to have been associated with him, and we extend our sincerest sympathies to his dear wife, Helen, their five children and their 10 grandchildren. May he rest in peace – he will not be forgotten. • I understand that **Terry Geoghegan's** wife, Virginia, and **Tom Hinchey's** wife, Bette, require extra care. Kindly remember them in your prayers. • Your comments on Laetare Sunday 2005 and its new format are most sincerely requested. Although I was physically unable to attend the "dessert and coffee" part of the activities (which I am told was "top drawer"), I did enjoy the Mass. Others in attendance included **Charlie Ahern**, **Gerry Joyce**, **John Fitzgerald** and **Frank Mahoney**, who, as always, was accompanied by his wife, Rita. Five years ago, present at the Laetare Sunday Mass, in addition to those just mentioned, were **Jim Boudreau**, **Terry Geoghegan**, **Paul Heffron** and **Bob Muse**, plus the now deceased **Fran Doherty**, **Bucky Harris**, **Paul O'Hara** and **Leo Strumski**. • Kindly remember **Al Morin** in your prayers. Al passed away on March 7, 2005. Sincerest sym-

pathies are extended to his widow, Patricia Ann, and their six children. I apologize to each of them for the lack of details and look forward to remembering Al at our annual memorial Mass in June. • While our 63 years as alumni did not qualify us as an anniversary class at this year's Reunion Weekend, we were eligible to vote in the annual alumni election. The list of excellent candidates made it difficult to choose one over the other but I voted – hope you did too. • It is my sincere intent to recognize those of you who join in any part of the alumni day celebration in the next issue of the alumni news. Your help in obtaining this information is desperately needed and sincerely solicited.

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This past winter we had so much snow, and then too much rain, that many classmates departed for warmer climates or just hibernated, waiting for the spring, which was oh-so-slow in coming. As a result, there's not much news in this column. • We just learned that **Jim Harvey** has begun playing golf again since his ribs are now OK after a winter fall on icy steps. • From **Ernie Santosuosso** comes word that **John Carusone's** wife, Helen, died on January 1, 2005; the class sends its condolences. • **Thomas Meagher** died on April 9, 2005, followed two weeks later by his wife, Marie. They were buried in Arlington Cemetery in June. Details will follow. • We had a fine telephone call from **Eddie O'Connor** out in sunny California telling us he's enjoying life with wife Mary and their granddaughters. • As I write, **Sam Church** and **Eleanor** are departing for their Cape dwelling: a sure sign of summer. • Plans are slowly jelling for a '43 gathering in the fall; watch your mail. In the meantime, your correspondent would really appreciate a note from classmates with some of your activities, travel or any items of interest.

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Fr. **William McInnes, SJ** (GA&S '51) has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 William V. McKenney Award, the highest honor the Alumni Association bestows on its alumni. All members of the Class of 1944 are invited to join in honoring his achievements at the award ceremony and reception to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at Robsham Theater, Main Campus. For more information, please visit [www.bc.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bc.edu/alumniawards) or call 800-669-8430 to reserve space at the event. "Connect-the-dots" worked its way into our post-9/11 media lexicon. It's a key phrase in a recent letter from classmate **Walter Welsh** ('43, GA&S '48), as he recounts his island-hopping service with the Marine Corps in the Pacific: a hospital corpsman on Guadalcanal (6th Marines), Palau Island Group (7th AAA Bn), Guam, Yokosuka (4th Marine Regiment) and Pearl Harbor. On this tour, Walter connects again with **Walter Brady**, at Lejeune and Guam; with **Tom Patton**, on Ulithi Atoll; with **Tom Comer**, on Peleliu; and with **Jim Dunphy**, RIP, who passed away earlier this year, on a Japan-

### Third Annual University Memorial Mass

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recently deceased alumni.*

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bound troopship. Walter, on this 60th anniversary of VJ Day, thanks for the memories and your service with the Navy/Marine Corps. • While many war-surviving classmates may reminisce on "returning home" 60 years ago and give thanks for the GI Bill of Rights and a Massachusetts Veteran Bonus, **Don White**, in 1945, left his graduate studies at Harvard to take up the challenge of the US Treasury Department, where he served as a special agent in Germany with Foreign Funds Control. (NB: The currency has remained sound.) • Since my last notes, our class has been diminished by the passing of **Phil Keaney**, who after graduation received an MSW from Boston College, following service in the USAAF 77th Bomb Grp. (1942-45). Phil and his wife, Eleanor (Magnoni) Keaney (deceased 1981), had five children and six grandchildren. His career centered on counseling and crisis evaluation in Portland, ME; Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, PA; and Port St. Lucie, FL. We'll keep Phil and his family, as well as all of our deceased classmates, their families and our BC teachers in our prayers. • This springtime marked the return to DC of Major League Baseball, after an absence of 33 years! Celebrating at Friendship Terrace, I gave a talk with film clips on "Baseball, Opening Day and Jackie Robinson: *How They Changed America in the Twentieth Century*." Research disclosed that in 1940 Jackie was elected to play with the College Eagles. Focusing on the theme of his commitment to breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball and in other sports, I recall the progressive commitments of Gil Walker, of Everett, in football, track and the classroom; of scatback Lou Montgomery, of Brockton, who because of color could not play with his teammates in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl (however, he elected to accompany the team south until he played in Fenway Park when Tulane next came north); and Jack Ryder's world-class sprinter from Jamaica, Herb McKenley. All BC alumni can take pride in the leadership and example BC has shown over the years in building level playing fields and programs for all students without regard to race or gender. Hats off to Athletic Director DiFilippo, the Eagles coaching staff and team, as Boston College enters competition in the ACC.

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My thanks to **Dave Hern** for filling in for me with Class Notes. As a former journalist, Dave did a great job. I spent 20 days in the hospital recovering from surgery for a subdural hematoma (blood clot in my head). Thank God everything came out OK. I also want to thank the 60th Anniversary Committee – **Paul Paget**, **Dave Hern**, **Leo McGrath**, **Jack McCarthy**, **Ernie Graustein** and **Charlie Earley** for their work. I was able to make a couple of meetings after I was released from the hospital. I will give a final report on our anniversary event in the Fall notes. Unfortunately, these notes had to be written before the event took place. • The class extends its sympathy to **John McGowan** on the death of his wife, Joan. Joan passed away on January 22, 2005. • I talked with **Henry Jancsy**, who reports that he has trouble driving at night and sometimes during the day. His wife continues to be in

and out of the hospital. Henry was one of the Navy V-12 sailors at Brown University. He stayed in the reserves and retired as a captain. • **Paul Ryder** has sold his home in Savannah, GA, and will make his permanent home in Osterville. • The last note is about **Andy Ferrari**, who passed away on December 7, 2004. Those of us in the Brown V-12 Navy program will remember him as a character and a cut-up. Well, he did very well, graduating from Brown and Georgetown University Law School. He was a district court judge in Virginia. He gave thousands of 40-minute, Wednesday afternoon lectures to new teenage drivers and their parents about the dangers and responsibility of driving. Andy served in World War II as an executive officer on a minesweeper. • We enter the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2005, so you should get season tickets for our sporting programs, especially the football program. We will be playing some great football teams, and our athletes need your support. • My thanks to all of you who paid your dues for the year. These will help subsidize some of the costs for the 60th anniversary events.

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Jim Moore, who is 81 years old and has failing vision, celebrated 60 years of marriage to his wife, Audrey, in February 2005. They were married in 1945 in England, where Audrey was born and where they met. • I received the following e-mail from Lt. Col. USA (Ret.) **Hugh Daly**: "I was originally in the Class of 1944 but spent close to four years as a combat infantryman in Germany, Belgium, France and Holland. I went back into the Army during Korea and served a full career as a military social work officer and then 20 years as a civilian at the University of Kentucky Medical Center and the Christ Hospital in Cincinnati. I've done a lot of teaching: at the universities of Kansas, Maryland and Kentucky and at the Worden School of Social Work in San Antonio. I am grieving the loss of my sweet Helen from Dorchester on our 58th wedding anniversary. I am just back from a seminar in Washington, DC, on land-mine survivors. I urge the support of all classmates in the international banning of this horrible device. It is eye-watering to see so many brave people undergoing rehabilitation at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I ask your prayers for Billy Boodro, a boyhood chum from Roslindale, an English High classmate and a 1948 graduate of the Carroll School of Management, who has recently been hospitalized due to pneumonia." • The annual class memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday,

September 27, 2005, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Chapel on the Newton campus. A luncheon will follow. **Bill Noonan** has made the arrangements.

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For those of you who did not read the Class Notes of the previous *Boston College Magazine*, it is with continuing sadness that I report the passing of **Bill Flaherty**, our class secretary and treasurer, on January 27, 2005. Our prayers and condolences go out to Eileen and to their children (two of whom are BC alums) and grandchildren. Bill will be remembered for his unceasing leadership and dedication to the class through the years. • I am writing these notes on May 24, 2005, a few days after a great evening of music at the BC Family Night at the Pops. There was a very nice gathering of the Shaw Society prior to the evening performance at Symphony Hall. We saw several of our classmates, including Dot and **John McQuillan**, Louise and **Jim Whelton**, Margaret and **Ernie Ciampa**, Pat and **Jack Turner** and Alice and **Phil Doyle**. I'm sure there were others whom I missed. • On May 1, 2005, we had our annual spring reception and class get-together of about 45 after the spring play *Candide* at Robsham Theater on the lower campus. The music was outstanding, but it was not the familiar type that you sing as you leave the theater. Attending were the McQuillans, the Wheltons, the Ciampas, Anne and **Arthur Ashur**, Marion and **Charlie Brennan**, Ann and **Bill Butler**, Margaret and **Sahag Dakesian**, **Bill Cohan**, Mary Dowd, **Mary Murphy**, Joan and **Ed Marshall**, Sara and **Jake Meany**, Mary and **Vinny Nuccio**, Mary and **John Prince**, Paula and **Peter Rogerson**, Amedia and **Don St Andre**, Pat and **Jack Waite**, Theresa and **Gerry Hagerty**, **Jim Galvin** and **Rose Crowley**. I apologize in advance for any errors or omissions. E. **Paul Kelly** and his wife were planning to attend the play and reception all the way from their home in Pine Point, ME, but were unable to do so. This was not due to anything really serious, but Vin Nuccio indicated that a minor problem made it difficult for them to make the journey. Speaking of Paul, he has not been in touch for a long time and would like to hear from old friends via e-mail at Pkelly04@maine.rr.com. • Eileen Flaherty sent me a note that was addressed to Bill from **Michael F. Toohig**. He is living in McLean, VA, with his wife, Barbara, and managing the 60th anniversary of his outfit, the 103rd Infantry Division, to be held in Washington in the fall. We also got a note from **Jim Crounse**, addressed to Bill Flaherty in March, with an enclosed picture of Jim and his wife, Joanne, in front of a mobile home he especially set up for her since she is disabled. Jim sent his regards to all his friends and reminisced about the days at the Liggett estate, a Spanish class with Fr. Whelton, playing football with **Charlie McCoy** against Harvard, getting married during senior reading week in 1948 (!) and following his friend, the late **Bill Cosgrove**, to live in Danvers. He mentioned sadly the death of his son Steve and said his son Bill continues the business Jim founded in 1955. • Jane and **Hank Barry** sent regrets that they could not attend the May 1 play and get-together and extended best wishes to all their



friends. They are usually found at most class functions. • Plans are in the formative stage as I write this in May for a fall annual Class of 1949 memorial Mass and reception, and I hope that you will have received (is that the subjective prospective?) a letter about the date and place by the time you read these notes in the fall. • The BC Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR), founded by the late **Joe Dowd** in 1992, has been moved to the BC retreat center in Dover and is recruiting new members. My wife, Madelyn, and I have been seminar leaders in Irish history in the past, and we both attend seminars on a regular basis with other '49ers, including **Ernie Ciampa**, **Mary Dowd**, **Mary Murphy** and **Mary Amsler**, as well as with several grads from the Classes of '46 through '53 and on. We attend seminars and socials on a Monday or Tuesday each week for 12 weeks in the fall or the spring. You can get more information about the ILR by visiting its Website at [www.bc.edu/ilr](http://www.bc.edu/ilr), e-mailing [bcilr@bc.edu](mailto:bcilr@bc.edu) or phoning 617-552-2950. • Please send more information for these Class Notes at the above address or at my e-mail address, [johnc12556@aol.com](mailto:johnc12556@aol.com). Meanwhile, keep well and reasonably happy and hope for a repeat of the wonderful Red Sox American League and World Series wins.

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**Shirley M. Horrigan**, the wife of **Bill Horrigan**, died suddenly on March 15, 2005. At the funeral Mass at St. Barbara's in Woburn, I noticed several of our classmates in the congregation. • Ave Maria University in Naples, FL, is the first Catholic college to be founded in the United States in 55 years. The provost of Ave Maria is Fr. Joseph Fessio, SJ. In September 1972, he went to Regensburg, Germany, where Fr. Joseph Ratzinger, a professor of theology, was to be his doctoral director and later his friend. The Ave Maria University choir, which had prepared for a concert the evening of the papal announcement, sang "Tu Es Petrus" to a cheering student body, as white smoke came from the pipe in the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican. In all the drama of the moment, Fr. Fessio knew once he heard the word "Joseph" that the next pope would be Cardinal Ratzinger. What a blessing and great gift to the church and to the world. Fr. Fessio related what a euphoric experience it was to watch the event and realize that the man he had seen every year for 33 years, whom he had come to know as a gentle and serene man of deep prayer, was now going to lead the universal church. It's a blessing for Ave Maria University in many ways. Pope Benedict XVI knows of Ave Maria University. In fact, he is the one responsible, as Cardinal Ratzinger, for asking the Jesuit General if Fr. Fessio could be assigned to Ave Maria University. He has great hopes for Ave Maria. Every year for the last three years, he has asked Fr. Fessio about the university's progress. When Cardinal Ratzinger took the name of Benedict, Fr. Fessio realized at once what a powerful, symbolic meaning this had for Ave Maria University. Fr. Fessio knows Pope Benedict will work tirelessly for the re-Christianization of Europe and the West, and for the evangelization of all the world. But like St. Benedict, in the 6th

century, he will not do it by force, not by violence, not by political machinations or revolutions, but by the power of prayer, especially liturgical prayer. Our new holy father is a great lover of liturgy. He was born on Holy Saturday morning, and his mother took him to church for the Easter vigil where he was baptized just a few hours after his birth. His life has been a life immersed in the liturgy. Fr. Fessio was in Rome for the installation Mass for Pope Benedict XVI. • **Daniel Healy** of Hanover died on May 11, 2005. His funeral Mass was held at the Mission Church in Roxbury on May 18. During our years at BC, Dan was a very close friend of our class president, the late **Larry Coen**. On behalf of our class, I wish to express our sympathy to Bill Horrigan and his family and to Dan Healy's family. Dan was buried at the National Cemetery on Cape Cod, RIP.

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### REUNION YEAR

News has come of the death of **Charles Chatfield**, husband of **Polly Putnam Chatfield** ('50). Please remember Polly and her family in your prayers. • Most of you have probably heard of the planned closing of the facility at Kenwood for Religious of the Sacred Heart and the sisters who are retired and needing medical care. Undoubtedly the nuns themselves will be exemplars of serenity and courage, more so than many of us. But I am sure they will welcome your prayers and visits if you are in the area. The move to nursing homes and assisted-living care in a situation where they can stay together will take some time. • Please send news.

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### REUNION YEAR

It's summer, and the "Boys of Summer" are playing at their games. This leads me to wonder if America's "Great Spectator Sport" is degenerating into "The Great Spectacle." Two occurrences come immediately to mind: (1) The "Spectacle" of the "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" TV cast's hands-on "makeover" of five Red Sox players – the most challenging, of course, was outfielder **Johnny Damon**, long-haired leader of the self-proclaimed locker-room "Idiots"; (2) The "Spectacle" of the baseball season-opening, congressional charade investigating the reported illegal use of steroid drugs. These are euphemistically (and probably euphorically) known as "performance enhancements." (To "enhance" means "to make great.") There was the tearful **Mark McGwire** pleading the Fifth; and there wasn't "no-show" **Barry Bonds**. However, through all the accusations and affirmations, charges and denials (and cop-outs like: "Well, that's the past"), there was one beautifully redeeming fact brought to light. Finally we can acknowledge (as most of our generation did anyway) **Babe Ruth's** greatest baseball feat for what it truly was – 60 home runs, "un-enhanced!" Now we can affirm that the

"Bambino's" phenomenal record still stands as the only – repeat, "only" – legitimate, single-season home-run record in the MLB. And guess what? You could even discount the steroid-cheaters. Of particular significance is the fact that **George Herman Ruth** belted his 60 in less games than any of his challengers – **Roger Maris**, **Mark McGwire**, **Barry Bonds**. For the sports-stats purist (and as a former Boston [Post, United Press] sportswriter, I put myself in that class), consider this: When the 32-year-old Sultan of Swat set the home-run mark at 60 in 1927 – almost 80 years ago – the MLB season was 154 games. When 27-year-old **Roger Maris**, the solid, nonsteroidal New York Yankee outfielder (two Gold Gloves, two MVPs), "broke" Ruth's record with 61 round-trippers in 1961, it was not without controversy! The significance of Maris getting his record in a 162-game season – eight more games than Ruth – was not lost on then Baseball Commissioner **Ford Frick**. Taking note of the eight-game difference, Frick placed the delineating famous/infamous "asterisk" next to Roger's name. Now, we come to the Oakland A's **Mark McGwire's** 70 homers in 1998, followed in 2001 by 37-year-old SF Giant **Barry Bonds' MLB-leading** 73. All three – Maris, McGwire, Bonds – played in a season with eight more games. Now, the important stat is that an MLB player gets to bat an average four times in a game. Do the math with me: 8 games times 4 at-bats = 32 more times/chances than the Babe had! What do you think? Should the baseball commissioner put two "asterisks" next to the names McGwire and Bonds? No, I think not. The frazzled fans ultimately will set the punishment. It will be based on the harm the steroid-cheaters have inflicted on the great game of baseball, as reflected in the "say-it-ain't-so" hurt in the eyes of Little League youngsters – like my 11-year-old grandson, **Colin**! • Going from baseball to ballots, I recently finished up the second of two Cape political campaigns as manager and communications director: one for the re-election of State Representative **Shirley Gomes** (R); the other for Harwich Selectman **Robin Wilkins** (D). Both successful. These were campaigns #5 and #6. • Peace came to **Ed Buchinska** (West Falmouth, April 26, 2005). Grew up in Cambridge. AB in pre-med. MD from Tufts School of Medicine (1955). Captain, US Army Medical Corps (1959-61). American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Board of Medical Management. Practiced in Cambridge (1961-87). Clinical Instructor, Harvard Medical School. • **Dave Donaghue** (Quincy, April 9, 2005). Grew up in Dorchester. Army, World War II, Korean War. AB in history and government. Very active undergrad: Marquette, Fulton, Heights, Sodality, Cross & Crown. Began a career at Travelers Insurance Co.; in 1985 started own family insurance agency. Active in Quincy politics, American Legion, youth activities. • **Myles McDonough** (Pinella Park, FL, May 22, 2005). BS in physics. World War II, Navy. • **Michael Pizziferri** (Weymouth, May 5, 2005). Grew up in Dorchester. World War II, Marine Corps.

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Sadly, I report the deaths of six of our classmates.



**Bernard Dwyer**, of Newton, was a former FBI agent, public defender, assistant attorney general and assistant district attorney in Suffolk County. He leaves his wife, Rosemary, and two daughters, Sheila and Maureen. **Abraham Haddad**, of Southboro and a longtime resident of West Roxbury, was a former vice president of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services and was academic dean and dean of students at that school. He leaves his mother and a brother, Rev. James J. Haddad. **Francis E. O'Brien**, of Roslindale, formerly of Jamaica Plain, is survived by his wife, Julia, two sons and three daughters. After BC graduation, he went to Yale and MIT and worked for the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He had his own firm before retirement. **Paul Daly**, of Milton, was originally from Dorchester. Paul had three daughters and five sons. **Bill Gauthier**, of East Longmeadow, leaves his wife, Frances (Dustie), and two daughters, Donna and Dawn. Bill played varsity basketball at BC and was one of the most active class members we had over the years. Before retirement, he was co-owner of Aerospace Machine Shop. **Claude Gilbert**, of Newton, was the husband of Marjorie and the father of Claude III. Please remember them and their families and all our deceased classmates in your prayers. • Recently I heard from **Bob Lupien** of Raleigh, NC, who is looking forward to the football season and the ACC. I received "hellos" from **Gerry Olsen**, Nashua, NH; **John Burns**, San Diego, CA; **Merritt Mahony**, Howell, MI; **John Burke**, Potomac, MD; and **Tom Cummiskey**, Venice, FL, who is busy with church and community events. I also talked to **Trinette Noble**, who is enjoying life in San Antonio, TX. Locally, we heard from **Joe Doyle**, **Bill Barry**, **Charlie Barrett**, **Maurice Hastings**, **Bill Colbert**, **Tom Cullinan**, **Bob Shannon**, **Ed Gordon**, **Joe McCall**, **George McCormick** and **Anthony Massaro**. • The annual Naples luncheon was held on March 15, 2005, at the Vanderbilt Inn on the Gulf. **Al Sexton** was chairman and was assisted by **Joe O'Shaughnessy** and **Dave Murphy**. At the insistence of the police department, streaking was prohibited this year, and for the safety of the guests, dancing on the tabletops was also prohibited. Despite these restrictions, Al said they had a good time, and it was good to see so many friends. Classmates and friends included **Jim Callahan**, **Al Casassa**, **Steve Casey**, **Paul Clinton**, **Tom Cummiskey**, **Bill Doherty**, **J. Barry Driscoll**, **Jack Donovan**, **Lois Doyle**, **Vin Greene** and **Jim Leonard**, along with **John McArdle**, **Dick McBride**, **Frank McDermott**, **Dan McElaney**, **Dick McLaughlin**, **Bill Newell**, **Tim O'Connell** and **Dick Ring**. • Laetare Sunday was well attended by 27 members of '52. • On September 12, the **Tom McElroy Golf Classic** will be held at the Granite Links Golf Club at Quarry Hills in Quincy. Golfers and nongolfers are invited to the social and dinner. • **Al Sexton** completed his 13th year as usher with the Red Sox during spring training in Fort Myers. I remember when Al "The Curve" Sexton and **Jim "Long Ball" Mulrooney** were cut from the spring roster 14 years ago, but were quickly signed for their ability as ushers. Jim retired two years ago after serving with distinction. He and Al were nominated as UOYs (Ushers of the Year) several times and just missed out on receiving the coveted award. • **Dick Driscoll's** son James was

recently runner-up in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans in the PGA Tour. With this win, James will pretty much be able to pick and choose his schedule on the PGA and National tours. He certainly has a bright future ahead at the age of 27. • Please send news!

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Our 11th annual class golf outing took place on June 8, 2005, at the Wayland Golf Club. As we went to press, around 20 golfers had signed up for play. There are many of the old guard (haven't missed a match in 11 years), some part-timers and some new players. The foursome of **Paul "Eagle" Coughlin**, **Fred "Par" Good**, **Dick "Ace" Horan** and **Jim "Birdie" Willwerth** is again running the outing. A full report in the next issue. • Nine members of our class met on May 9, 2005, at the Stockyard in Brighton. In attendance were President **Paul Coughlin**, **Joe Carroll**, **Dennis Cronin**, **Fred Good**, **Austin Smith**, **Jim Willwerth**, **Bob Sullivan**, **Dick Horan** and **Matt Flaherty**. The purpose of this meeting, called and chaired by President Paul, was to do some planning of activities for the next year. Some of the ideas discussed were football, travel, fall Mass and dinner, and the upcoming golf outing. After a discussion, it was decided that we would forget football. The questionable availability of tickets and the lack of on-site parking proved to be a deal breaker. It was decided that our fall event would be a Mass and dinner social on October 22, 2005. So save that date. Many different travel locations were mentioned: Bermuda, Mount Washington and Breton Woods. Also, a two-day bus trip to Montreal to meet a cruise ship. A ship like the MS Rotterdam would leave Montreal and sail down the St. Lawrence River/St. Lawrence Seaway with possible stops at Quebec City, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Saint-Pierre and Miquelon, St. John's, Newfoundland, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Bar Harbor, ME, and then on to Boston. Golf at the Samoset Resort Golf Club in Rockport, ME, was also suggested. **Jim Willwerth** and **Eva Maynard** from the Alumni Office will contact **Quinwell Travel** and come up with some suggestions for the spring of 2006 and report back to the Class Travel Committee. • From my mailbox: **Dick Horan** sent me a note in January that he had received from **Katherine Smith**, associate vice president, Office of Development at Boston College. This letter contained great news about the **Fr. Joseph T. Greer Endowment Fund**. The Greer Fund, established in 1993 by members of our class, family and friends of Fr. Joe as part of the University's endowment, provides scholarship assistance for students in need of financial assistance. The market value of the Fr. Joseph T. Greer Endowment Fund at the beginning of the 2004-05 fiscal year (June 1, 2004) was \$156,833, providing \$7,512 for scholarship aid. **Kara A. McKeon** was named the Greer Scholar at Boston College for 2004-05. Kara is from Manville, RI, and is a graduate of Mount Saint Charles Academy in Woonsocket. A member of the Class of 2008, she is enrolled in the honors program in the College of Arts and Sciences. The letter went on to say that Kara has been informed of the source of her financial assistance for this

year. • **Mary Bacon** wrote on May 1, 2005, that the BC Alumni Association's Cape Cod Chapter held its annual Mass and luncheon on April 10, 2005. The Mass was at Corpus Christi Church in Sandwich, followed by a luncheon at the Ridge Club. **Fr. William McInnes, SJ ('44)**, alumni chaplain, was the guest speaker and did a fine job. Everyone came away remarking that it had been such a nice day, both spiritually and socially. Classmates seen at the luncheon were President **Paul Coughlin** and **Maryanne**, **Bob Sullivan** and **Betty**, **Dick Farley** and **Mary**, Chapter President **Matt Flaherty** and **Marie**, **Phil Kerrivan**, **Austin Smith** and **Barbara** and **John** and **Mary Bacon**. • **Arthur J. Leary**, of Bedford, NH, died on February 12, 2005, at Catholic Medical Center after a period of failing health. The family includes his wife of 49 years, **Nancy E. (Penney) Leary**, two daughters and two sons. **M. Therese Michaud** of Augusta, ME, died on February 8, 2005, at Maine General Rehabilitation & Nursing Care at Glenridge Drive after a brief illness. She was a graduate of the School of Nursing. • President Paul reports that three of our classmates are celebrating golden wedding anniversaries within the next couple of months. Congratulations go out to "**Spike**" **Boyle** and **Barbara**, **John O'Gorman** and **Eileen** and Class Treasurer **Jim Lynch** and **Eileen**. If there are more of you out there let us know, and we will recognize you. • **John McCauley** medical update. As many of you know, John had major surgery on April 22, 2005, for the removal of a tumor in the pancreas. John reports that the surgery went well, and there is no evidence of any more cancer. With this good news, John and Gerry were able to return to Newport, RI, and start the program of finding an appetite to feed his body and get his strength back. I talked with Gerry and John just before Memorial Day weekend. They are both happy to be home. Gerry said that the family likes to say that as a result of all the prayers and good wishes offered by his many friends, John has "dodged the bullet." John added that he is trying to answer all the letters, cards, messages, etc., but it is an endless task. I offered to do it for him with the Boston College community. John and Gerry say, "Thanks for all the prayers, cards, e-mails and well wishes. We could never have done it without your help."

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Despite the dismal weather, the class get-together at Ogunquit, ME, was most enjoyable. The following classmates attended: **Lori and Lou Totino**, **Pat and Bob King**, **Joan and Frank Patchell**, **Mary and Murray Regan**, **Barbara and John Cawley**, **Martha and Ed Trask**, **Jane and John Ford**, **Lucy and Sal DeLuca**, **Verna and Tom Lane**, **Fran and Ted Breau**, **Kathy and Peter Nobile**, **Nancy and John Moreschi**, **Linda and Dave Pierre**, **Janet and Paul McKenna**, **Aurora and Jack Leydon**, **Betty and Tom Warren**, **Ed Smith** and **Clare** and **Frank McLaughlin**. • We are sorry to report the passing of **Robert Ward**, of South Orleans, in April 2005. Bob was a business technology executive who worked in NASA's Apollo program and for EG&G. He traveled extensively, even visiting the South Pole. He was an active volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, and he also enjoyed building wooden



ship models; two of his models are on display at the Woods Hole Marine Museum. • We also have learned of the passing of Rev. A. Paul White. After graduating from BC, Fr. White received a master's degree in English literature from Columbia University. He served in a number of posts throughout the Archdiocese of Boston, including editor of *The Pilot* from 1981 to 1987. • A reminder: Your class dues of \$35 should be mailed to Tom Warren, 176 Strasser Ave., Westwood, MA 02090. These dues cover mailings of class notices, class functions and costs associated with our 50th reunion. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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*Richard Renahan has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 Alumni Achievement Award for Law. All members of the Class of 1955 are invited to join in honoring his achievements at the award ceremony and reception to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at Robsham Theater, Main Campus. For more information, please visit [www.bc.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bc.edu/alumniawards) or call 800-669-8430 to reserve space at the event.*

The song begins, "The party's over, it's time to call it a day..." and what a party it was. The actual four-day celebration of our 50th anniversary was preceded by a matinee performance of the Boston Pops. On a lovely afternoon in May, Pat and Frank Callahan, Alice Drew, Carolyn and Dan Foley, Mary and John Johnson, Marie Kelleher, Connie and George LeMaitre, Barbara May, Mary and Ben Murphy, Anita and Charlie Murphy, Barbara and John O'Connell, Jean O'Neil, Mary and Gerald Pine, Mary and Dick Renahan, Pat and Constantino Sabatini, Sheila and George Snider and Lou Ann and Stephen Woronicz boarded a luxurious bus, provided by the Alumni Association, and journeyed to Symphony Hall. After the concert, we returned in style to Alumni House for a delicious dinner. Dick Drew had been unable to join us at the concert but caught up with us there. As Eva Maynard, assistant director for classes, attempted to assemble us for a group picture, we found ourselves chanting the childhood rhyme, "All in together girls, very fine weather girls." (Can you finish it? We did.) • John Johnson, our class president, carried the Mace as he led the academic procession at Commencement. • The actual anniversary celebration began at the welcome dinner on June 2. In addition to our yearbooks, we received a gold bag containing a complimentary BC T-shirt and either a baseball cap (for the men) or a visor (for the women). Later we were given a set of BC coasters. The sound of joy-filled voices resounded through what we knew as the "caf at Lyons." Eventually, we took our seats and were officially greeted by Grace Cotter Regan ('82), executive director of the Alumni Association. She was followed by Fr. J. Donald Monan, SJ, the chancellor of BC, whose remarks were, as always, so inspiring. Fr. Monan received a surprise as he started to leave the podium. A lit-

tle bird (an eaglet?) had done some shopping, because Fr. Monan is also celebrating a 50th anniversary this year – the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We couldn't let it go by without presenting him with a gift from the class. The opening remarks continued as John Johnson greeted us and made acknowledgements. Fr. William McInnes, SJ ('44), alumni chaplain, said grace, and it was so beautiful and inspiring that I have asked for and received a copy of it. Friday found us being formally inducted into the Golden Eagle Society by Grace Cotter Regan, following which Fr. William Leahy, SJ, president of the University, joined us to offer his congratulations on our milestone and to bring us up to date on what is happening at BC. He did have a plea that if the Red Sox and the Cardinals were in the World Series again this year, that we allow the Cardinals to win as they are "his" favorite team. To signify our special status as Golden Eagles, we received a lovely golden eagle pin, appropriate for the lapel of a suit jacket or a dress. Saturday was another perfect day, weather-wise. Our class led the Parade of Classes down Linden Lane, around Gasson (the Tower Building), by Lyons Hall, and down to the field where the Festival on the Green was being held. Tables had been reserved for us in a tent. This was the one time we had a chance to mingle, as a group, with other anniversary classes. Many of us later attended a memorial Mass for deceased alumni in the garden of St. Mary's Hall. Our class was represented by Dan Foley and Winifred Ryan. Dan did the First Reading, and Winifred served as a Eucharistic minister. The day ended with dinner. The orchestra was wonderful, and I can tell you, many of our classmates can still cut a mean rug as they jitterbugged to many of the tunes. The final event of the weekend occurred when Charlie Murphy, chairman of the Class Gift Committee, presented Fr. Leahy with a large check as our gift to the University. A few members of the committee then posed for a final picture with Fr. Leahy. • Here are some general comments: There were many excellent programs to attend on both Friday and Saturday to fill in the hours before or after the daytime events. There were over 300 people at each of our events, and John Johnson has asked me to thank all who attended for their part in making the weekend such a success. All of you created such an atmosphere of joy and welcome that no one felt like a stranger. Many who came had not been back either since 1955 or for many years. I really feel we came together as a family, a true community. John, as well as this writer, want to offer special thanks to Eva Maynard and Erica Rosenthal of the Alumni Office for all their hard work in organizing all of our festivities. We also want to thank Grace Cotter Regan and Jack Moynihan for identifying the activities that would provide us with our special weekend. I cannot end these thanks without acknowledging Mary Neville. Mary had retired from the Alumni Office in December but came out of retirement to help us. It wouldn't have seemed complete if Mary had not been there, because for many years she was always there for us. Those of us who have worked closely with the Alumni Office consider her a part of the class. Mary celebrated her 50th from Regis. Mary was joined at the welcoming desk by Carol Quintiliani, another favorite. • Some of our class-

mates still had energy on Sunday and either went to the Red Sox game or took the Duck Boat tour. I understand that Bruno Ciani and his wife, Esther Lou, did just that, and Bruno drove the Duck Boat for several miles in the Charles River. • Despite all the classmates who were there, I really didn't gather much news for the column. I did learn that Ryan Troy Cleary, grandson of MaryAnn and Richard Troy, will be attending alma mater in the fall. • From the Editor's Corner, Jean O'Neil wants to express her thanks to all the committee members, writers and classmates who submitted biographies for the golden anniversary class yearbook. The book integrated the colleges and schools of Boston College as well as Newton College of the Sacred Heart. A supplement will be ready in the fall to portray the participants and activities of a full and vibrant reunion weekend. • The column cannot end without acknowledging the sadness experienced by some classmates recently. Jerry Donahoe's sister, Noreen Knight, died after a long illness, as did Mary Johnson's brother, Brian Reardon. Bob Pagliarulo's brother, Joe, died shortly before the reunion. We also learned that our classmate David J. DeLaura died of heart failure on April 9, 2005, while on vacation in Lisbon, Portugal. David had recently been on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania, where he received many awards during his tenure. Our sympathies are extended to his wife, Ann, and his four children. Our prayers are also offered for all who are mentioned here. • To bring this column to a close, I must share a dream. I hope we can all get together again in 2010 and that those of you who, for one reason or another, did not come this time will be able to join us. You were truly missed. I also want to thank all of you who came up and introduced yourselves to me. I enjoyed meeting you so very much. • Please keep the news coming. Without you, there can be no column.

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## REUNION YEAR

*Leo F. Power, Jr. (GA&S '64, CGSOM '72) has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 Alumni Achievement Award for Science. In addition, the Lynch School Class of 1956 has been selected to receive a Special Recognition Award at this year's ceremony, to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at Robsham Theater, Main Campus. All members of the Class of 1956 are invited to attend. For more information, please visit [www.bc.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bc.edu/alumniawards) or call 800-669-8430 to reserve space at the event.*

Maire and Jim McLaughlin have been playing croquet in Florida, representing the Strawberry Banke Croquet Club in Portsmouth, NH. In February 2005, Maire placed third in third flight singles at the Sarasota Country Club Invitational Tournament in Venice. Jim was the second flight singles winner at the Audubon Invitational 2005 US Croquet Association



Tournament at the Audubon Country Club in Naples. • **Carolyn Kenney Foley** received a note from **Jim Melloni**, thanking her for the updates on the class. He is still working for the Air Force at Hanscom Air Force Base as a test manager in electronic security systems, and he travels regularly to other Air Force bases and installations. He keeps in touch with **Jim Hart**, **John McManus** and **Tony Solomita**. • Marie and I saw **Arthur Cotter** at the BC High Golden Eagles Mass in April 2005. • Carolyn Kenney Foley arranged a brunch at the Museum of Science in April, along with tickets to *Forces of Nature*, a movie at its Omni Theater. Carolyn and **Claire Hoban McCormack** met the group with the tickets at the museum entrance. Marie and I sat with **Betty Ann Casey**, **Anne** and **John McDonald**, **Alice Shea** and her sister **Mary** and **Bea** and **Peter Colleary**. Marie and I were explaining to Peter and Bea the joys of condominium life (no lawn to mow, snow to shovel, etc.). We must have been very persuasive, because at our committee meeting two weeks later, Peter announced that they had sold their house and made an offer on a condo. Others attending included **Joe DiSalvo**, **Mary** and **Jack Malloy**, **Mary Pizzelli**, **Kathy** and **Leo Power** and **Tom** and **Lorraine Condon Walsh**. **Margie Murphy** and **Roseanne** and **Brian Concannon** had planned to come but **Margie** and **Roseanne** were sick. • At the BC Arts Festival, we sat with **Ernestine Bolduc** and **Betty Ann Casey** at the Mass, dinner and *Candide*. • **John Moore** has received the 2005 McKay Donkin Award, presented for contributions to the economic, physical, mental or social welfare of the Penn State faculty. John has taught at the university for 38 years. He has been a member of the University Faculty Senate for 12 years and served as chairman in 2002-03. He has received many awards over his career. Thanks to **Bob Halloran** for sending the notes from the university Website. • **Jo Fitzpatrick Tingley** writes from Westboro that she had lunch with **Eleanor Garlisi** of Marlboro and **Christine LeClaire McKay** of Webster, after calls about the 50th anniversary yearbook, and they plan to get together with others. Jo sends word of the death of Christine's husband, **Dick**, in April 2005. She also says that **Anne L. Hall** of Stockton Springs, ME, is undergoing chemotherapy and would like to hear from classmates in the School of Nursing. • Once again, thanks for your e-mails, letters and calls. Your classmates want to hear what you're doing!

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#### REUNION YEAR

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The class annual golf tournament was held on June 1, 2005, at the Sandy Burr Country Club in Wayland. The following classmates participated: **Joe Burke**, **Bill Cunningham**, **Jim Connolly**, **Jim**

**Devlin**, **Dick Dowling**, **George Hennessy**, **Rev. Tom Ahearn**, **MM**, **Leo Morrissey**, **Paul O'Leary**, **Paul Daly** and **Larry Chisholm**. **Dave McAvoy** and **Jim Frame** were both signed up to play, but they came down with different medical ailments, so they were not able to play. All reports indicate that it was an enjoyable experience for all who attended. • The BC Cape Cod Chapter hosted its semi-annual golf outing on June 3, 2005, at Kings Way Golf Club in Yarmouthport. Our classmate **Gene Mahoney** once again chaired this event. As always, Gene ran a first-class time for all the members, while his wife, **Ann**, tended to a lot of duties on the sidelines. Classmates who attended included **Steve Brady**, **Joe Burke**, **Bill Cunningham**, **Jim Connolly**, **George Hennessy**, **Paul McAdams**, **Gene Mahoney**, **Frank Higgins**, **Vic Popeo**, **Don Fox** and **Bill MacKenzie**. **Joe Burke's** foursome won this event. Congratulations. **Joe** fine-tuned his many golf skills years ago at the Muni Golf Club in Brookline along with our classmates **Chuck Lynch** and **Bill Heavey**. • The Class Board of Directors met on June 1, 2005, with most board members present. Topics of discussion included our annual class fall event that will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2005, in conjunction with the BC vs. Army game. As always, this is one of our most colorful and popular class events. There will be a post-game Mass concelebrated by our class clergy. Following Mass, there will be a social hour and sit-down dinner at Gasson Hall. Please mark this date on your calendars. A class mailing was sent to all mid-summer. • Plans for our upcoming golden anniversary were also discussed. As a prelude and warm-up to this momentous event, there will be a class gathering at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster on Cape Cod on October 16-18, 2005. A mailing was sent to all classmates in April outlining the particulars of this planned event. A reception is planned on Sunday evening, October 16, with golf, tennis and Cape tours the following day and a lobster bake to round off the day. At this writing we have 102 classmates who have made reservations to attend this very special event. It is our hope that many others will give further consideration and also join us. Indian summer on Cape Cod is spectacular! Another mailing is also planned with more in-depth details, including a map route, suggested clothing apparel, etc. • **Dick Michaud** writes that he and his wife, **Nancy**, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 23, 2005, in Greensboro, NC. Their family complement includes four daughters, one son and 10 grandchildren. **Dick** mentions that they live in the area where the ACC Conference is headquartered. **Dick**, we certainly hope that we will be seeing you and your wife at the class get-together at the Ocean Edge in October. • **Jim Turley** was awarded the 2004 Richard J. Bradley Endowment Fund Award by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The award recognizes an educator from one of the six New England states "whose exemplary work establishes, maintains or advocates high standards of excellence" in education. **Jim** was awarded the Boston College Distinguished Alumni Award in Education in 1985. • The dedication of the Hunter-Fahey Commons was held at BC High on April 14, 2005, in memory of our late classmate **Rev. Joseph R. Fahey**, SJ. Classmates who attended included **Jim**

**Devlin**, **Marty Dunn**, **Jim Doyle**, **Frank Keohane**, **Jim Kelly**, **Frank Lynch**, **Leo Morrissey** and **Bill McQueeney**. The Patrick F. Cadigan Family Computer Center was dedicated on March 10, 2005, at BC High as well. **Pat** is now semiretired and lives in Florida with his wife, **Tandra**. • **Joseph Sheehan** writes that he is still a bachelor and lives in Bangkok, Thailand. • Prayers are requested for **Paul Chamberlain**, who recently underwent major surgery, and **John Conway**, who is still convalescing at home. • The class extends its condolences to the families of **Michael O'Connor, Sr.** (February 2005), **Richard Monahan** (March 2005), **Thomas McNamara** (January 2005), **Timothy Donoghue** (September 2004), **Mary Elizabeth Leahy**, SP (November 2004) and **Lorraine Breau O'Brien** (September 2004). • Class dues for the 2005-06 academic year remain at \$25. Please remit your dues to **Bill Tobin**, 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746. Hope to see as many classmates at our class event at Ocean Edge on October 16-18. Hope you had a nice summer. All the best.

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I finally heard from **Anne Marie (Faria '59)** and **Tom Cail**, who since 1978 have been residing in Longboat Key, FL. **Tom** is still practicing dentistry in Sarasota but has reduced his schedule to three days a week. Son **Tom** is a realtor in Sarasota, and daughter **Liza** presented **Tom** and **Anne Marie** with their first grandchild, a beautiful girl born last March. **Liza** is an attorney living in Winston-Salem, NC. Her husband is an MD and doing his surgical residency at Wake Forest. The Cails spent a month in Boston this past summer. • **Jim McNeill** has become my favorite reporter on news from members of our class. From their recent 50th St. Columbkille's high school reunion, he relayed the following news of those in attendance. **Claire** and **Denny Maher** were on the reunion committee, and they are in great shape. Recently, they relocated to the Vero Beach, FL, area as their permanent residence. They formerly resided in Needham and were members of the Charles River Country Club. **Betty** and **Paul Fennell** came all the way from Orlando, FL. **Paul** complained of a back problem, but when the music started so did **Paul**. **Dan O'Connell** is still living in Sharon and working in the insurance business. It is sad to report that he recently lost his wife, **Margaret**. They have four children – **Kerry**, **Kristine**, **Thomas** and **Peter**. **Ann** and **Bill McGurk** came to the reunion from their home in Canada. They have three boys – **Bill**, **Russell** and **Lawrence**. **John Norton** came all the way from San Francisco. **John** received his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in '67 and worked for many years at Oracle. He has also written a few books. After selling his insurance business in Fall River, **Tom Hassey** spends considerable time hopscotching the world. **Mike Kinsella** and wife **Marilyn** spend their summers in Kennebunk and winters in Vero Beach. **Mike** retired from practicing medicine in '94. They have



four children and five grandchildren. **Tom Powell** is still teaching at the Michigan School of Social Work. He devotes much of his time working with self-help groups and has written and published three books on self-help and advocacy groups in the mental health field. Tom has run many marathons, including Boston in '76. He also enjoys bicycling, and last summer he did a bicycle tour of Utah and Spain. Tom has five children. According to **Jim McNeill**, Ray Kelleher must be in the CIA. Jim tried to contact him many times but no response. At St. Col's 50th anniversary Mass, three of our classmates were fondly remembered: **Frank Casey**, **Jeff Keating** and **Mike McNeil**. Jim McNeill is living in Pocasset on the Cape and continues to break scoring records at the Pocasset Golf Club. Thanks again, Jim, for your reporting wizardry. • Had a nice visit with **Jack Murray** and his wife aboard his Vermont neighbor's sailboat this past May at the Naples city dock. The Murrys were crew members on a sail from Marathon, FL, to Key West, Naples and Ft. Myers. Jack ran into **Ron Ghiradella** and **Ed Sabatino** at the 50th reunion at Somerville High School. The Murrys are still living in Colchester, VT, on the Winooski River about 500 yards from Lake Champlain. • **George Kavanaugh** is living in Naples but I never hear from him. Give me a call, George. Did you know that **Al Carroll** is your neighbor? • Hats off to the following classmates for a charitable endeavor well done: **Dick Simons** and **Tom Mahoney**, with help from **Paul Dolan**, **Ed Gilmore** and **Sheldon Daly**, were instrumental in helping to raise \$2.5 million for the construction of a horse-riding stable on the grounds of the Mass Hospital School in Canton. Horseback riding is excellent therapy for the disabled children at the school. Dick Simons has been a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Mass Hospital School. • Please keep the cards, letters and phone calls coming! I need to hear from you. Don't forget your class dues. Send \$25 to **Jack "Mucca" McDevitt**, 25 Cedar Rd., Medford, MA 02155.

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**MJ English**, **Julie Reusch**, **Mickey Wetzel** and **Sheila Canty** met recently for a three-hour lunch at Bakey's in Boston. We had a great time and plan to make it a semiannual event. • It is with great sadness that I must report the passing of **Bernie Dwyer**, the husband of **Rosemary Stuart Dwyer**.

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It's been a quiet period in class activities, and the summer has occupied most of us with the usual frenzy. I did manage to get a golf round in with **Peter McLaughlin**, who is still traveling around the country for the BC Development Office. I partnered with **Charlie Harrington** in another hilarious but undistinguished round at Wellesley. • Some sad news from **Bea Rae Love** and her husband, Dana, who lost their son Dana III suddenly in March 2005. The class sends its condolences for this terrible loss to Bea Rae and

her family. • I am going to try something new with our Class Notes... a guest editor. In upcoming issues, you will see one or another of our classmates stand in for me. After several years, I'm getting writer's block, and I don't want to simply fill in with more amiable chatter about my work, travels, grandchildren and retreating golf game. So I've asked **Beth Grady**, who has a wide circle of friends in our class, to write a column. You can contact Beth at bethgrady@comcast.net. She'll get some fresh news into the Class Notes, probably in the fall issue, which you'll receive around Thanksgiving. You can also write or e-mail me anytime with your news or let me know if you would like to be a guest editor yourself. • Hope you had a pleasant summer.

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**Robert Hart** (GSSW '62) has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 Alumni Achievement Award for Public Service. All members of the Class of 1960 are invited to join in honoring his achievements at the award ceremony and reception to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at Robsham Theater, Main Campus. For more information, please visit [www.bc.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bc.edu/alumniawards) or call 800-669-8430 to reserve space at the event.

Our 45th anniversary dinner was a complete success, with 150 people in attendance at the buffet dinner. Music was by our own **Larry Matthews** at the piano, which was well received. People came from near and far. Fr. **Leo Shea** concelebrated Mass with BC President William P. Leahy, SJ. Fr. Leo is with the Maryknoll and is now director of development. The campaign he is heading is seeking \$50 million. • There was a mix of some new faces with the old standbys. The committee offered a new twist for the 45th, awarding prizes in various categories. **Edie Cackowski Witherell** won for coming the longest distance, from Paris. The domestic longest-distance winner was **Bob Berry** of California, who came to the event and ended a long drought. Great to see you, Bob, mustache and all. The classmate with the most grandchildren was **Mary Quinn McCaffrey**, with 16. You can bet Christmas must be fun. There were three close runners-up, but no cigar. For the longest married couple, **Maryann** and **Don Croatti** won, with 48 years. Yipes! All of the above received a sketch of Boston College atop a mirror, which is a beautiful addition to any residence. The biggest prize – season football tickets for the six home games – was won by **Pauline Leblanc Doherty**. Needless to say, Pauline was totally flabbergasted as she had never won anything. Enjoy, Pauline. **Al Hyland** did his capable responsibility for the necrology. Over a quarter of our class have passed away. Keep them in your prayers. • **Marty Dockery** wrote that he is now living in Saigon. He retired from law and feels good about himself. His book *Lost in Translation: Vietnam* was published by Random House; another book about contemporary values and culture in Vietnam is nearly finished.

ished. • **John Thompson** planned to retire this summer, after working for the state for a number of years. He has two children and two grandchildren. • **Jack McNealy** has retired for the second time, and he and his wife split their time between Nova Scotia in the summer and Rindge, NH, in the winter. • Twenty-three members of the School of Nursing Class of 1960 met at Pier Four in Boston to celebrate the 45th. A few had not been seen for 45 years, and everyone looked amazing. • We never forget relationships of years back. Do plan to come for the 50th.

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I'm delighted to report that our 45th reunion was a glorious and very enjoyable weekend! Sunny weather added warmth to the reconnecting with friends on our old campus of NCSH. We had a remarkable turnout of 38 classmates and 12 husbands. It was great to have several classmates join us for the first time in many years. **Gaby Gyorky Mackey** and her husband, Paul, came from Teaneck, NJ. They spend the winter in Punta Gorda, FL, where the Healys also reside. Gaby attended **Sally O'Connell Healy's** March 2005 "reunion" luncheon, along with **Kathleen McDermott Kelsh**, **Berenice Hackett Davis**, **Carole Ward McNamara**, **Blanche Hunnewell** and **Eleanor Coppola Brown**. The Mackeys, who are retired, enjoy their six grandchildren. At the Sunday liturgy, Gaby represented our class by bringing up the basket of Intentions. • **Nancy Madden Leamy** enjoyed her first return to Newton College. Nancy continues to manage her skating school in Greenwich, CT. She has trained skaters for the US Olympics and told me that she stays very calm during the competition. During the summer she helped her daughter plan for her wedding in September. • **Ann Blunt Condon** lives in Centerville on the Cape. She has enjoyed a psychotherapy practice for years and is now adding a new venture as a certified personal and executive coach. She provides the help that professionals or entrepreneurs need to build a thriving practice. Ann's Website is [www.anncondoncoaching.com](http://www.anncondoncoaching.com). • **Janet Neville Flanagan**, who has worked as a systems analyst for the last 25 years, with Blue Cross and the Mutual Funds Transfer Agency, retired on March 31, 2005. She enjoys watching the Red Sox and Patriots games. Janet hopes to spend more time now with her children and grandchildren and her siblings. Janet's husband, Bill, a Providence College graduate and a retired teacher, passed away in April 2005 after a long illness. We send our sympathies to Janet and hope that reconnecting with classmates will be of some help to her in the months to come. • **Mary Anne Hehir Helms**, another new face after many years, met us at lunch on Saturday. She is in the process of relocating from Middleton, RI, to Princeton, NJ. She said that her mother had died recently, and she looked forward to rejoining family and friends in the New Jersey area. • **Eleanor Coppola Brown** flew in from Bloomfield Hills, MI, where she works as an accountant. Eleanor has raised her family there for 30 years. Like so many others, she is thinking of downsizing and has a place in Naples, FL, but the conflict



is that her children are living in Michigan. • **Rosemary Roche Hobson** shared that her husband, Ken, was diagnosed with lung cancer in March 2004 and died in September 2004. He was a graduate of Wesleyan University. Ken left corporate life to become a rehabilitation counselor, and he and Rosemary were members of the Thomas Merton Society. Rosemary wrote: "We did a lot together, especially in social justice. I have continued as an associate of the Society of the Sacred Heart and am now a volunteer at an inner-city ministry run by the Franciscan (men) in Providence. I was recently at a retreat at Kenwood and spoke with Srs. Husson, Sweeney and McMullen. I have two sons, who live and work nearby. • For those who couldn't come this weekend, we missed you but really loved reading your notes and seeing the pictures that you sent. There were two poster boards with present and past pictures at Barat on Saturday night, so you were there with us in spirit. • **Alexandra Armstrong** wrote: "I am sorry that I won't be able to join you at the reunion as I have a business trip scheduled for the same time. I am still living and working in Washington, DC. My husband, Jerry McCoy, whom I married 10 years ago, and I live in a townhouse in Georgetown, two blocks from where I grew up. My office is located in downtown Washington, as is his. My financial planning firm, which I started in 1983, has grown and prospered over the years. We currently have \$650 million under management and 15 employees. We travel a lot in connection with work combined with pleasure. As long as our health and minds keep working, we have no plans to retire. We like what we do too much. I also serve on some nonprofit boards, most notably Reading Is Fundamental, which motivates young children to read, and the local council of Boy Scouts of America. Our company Website is [www.amsindc.com](http://www.amsindc.com)." • **Nan Anderson Coughlin** was the first to send a picture of herself and her grandson, Max, who is four. She had just returned from her fourth trip to the Philippines to visit her daughter Laura, son-in-law Steve and grandson Max. Nan has three other grandchildren and was expecting two more this summer. How lucky can one lady get, she says. Nan keeps busy with volunteer work: "I am a volunteer at the Smithsonian Institute in the Museum of African Art. I have worked in the Conservation Department for 10 years! I usually do office work but lately have been needed in the lab. I have been stabilizing a 19th-century ceremonial robe from Liberia. It is a patchwork of leather, antelope, leopard and some fabric. The costume consists of huge pants, a huge top and a headdress complete with talons, which have been identified (by the Museum of Natural History) as belonging to crown eagles. These birds are quite common in that part of Africa. You can tell I really like doing this. My other volunteer work is with The Hospitality and Information Service (THIS). THIS is an organization founded at the request of the State Department to facilitate the lives of diplomats in our nation's capital. We do all sorts of things, from programs to services. Our programs can be special visits to the Supreme Court, courses in how our government works (or doesn't, as the case may be) and visits to view art in private homes. Services are English conversation

groups, a book club, etc. Currently, I am working on a fundraiser with the Turkish embassy, the Washington Hospital Center and THIS." • **Sue Kenney Gaetano**'s e-mail: "I will not be attending the reunion and will miss seeing my old friends, but I am thrilled that Len and I will be in Peoria, AZ, a suburb of Phoenix, for the birth of our third grandchild. Juliana, our youngest, is expecting her first child. We will be there from early May until the end of June, and it will be hot, but we are looking forward to being some help to the new parents. We have a second home there on a man-made lake. I can walk one and a half miles around." • Likewise, **Elise Erikson Landau** could not come because she and Jeff were babysitting for one daughter whose husband is in Kosovo with the National Guard, and another whose husband has been ill and is now recovering. • **Sheila O'Connor Toal** also sent a lovely picture of her and Larry. She wrote: "Larry retired from banking about three years ago, and we have been thoroughly enjoying our newfound time. Our older son, Jim, manages a restaurant in Manhattan and has one child. Our younger son, Daniel, is a litigation partner at the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkin in Manhattan, and he has three children. We are so blessed to have four wonderful grandchildren living so close, and we just love taking care of them on weekends and visiting them when we can. We purchased a place on John's Island, Vero Beach, FL, so we could keep up our golf game in the winter. We spend about three months of the year there and the rest of the year in Manhattan. John and **Ferna Rourke** spent Easter with us there this year. Larry is still on several boards, and we're both very involved with the Chaplaincy and Big Brothers Big Sisters. I've resumed studying the piano and take weekly lessons from a concert pianist. We take full advantage of the opera, theater and symphony in New York, and as you can tell, much of our life revolves around music." • More class information will need to wait until the next issue, so please be patient if you are not mentioned this time around. Before closing, I would like to thank Sally O'Connell Healy and **Pat Winkler Browne** for all the hours of calls, e-mails, lunches, letters and work accomplished for this reunion. It paid off, and I hope you all will feel reconnected to NCSH and stay in touch. Another big thank you to Julie Nuzzo (NC '74), from the Alumni Association, who always was responsive to our requests and was pleasant and professional. You helped make the weekend run very smoothly, Julie.

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I know the Northeast had a cold, damp spring, but I hope the summer brought warmth to y'all.

Hoping all the bulbs, flowers, etc., you planted bloomed for you. • We've learned that **Babs Kager** is a proud grandma to four granddaughters and is also a skiing enthusiast. Babs' job as an economist for the State of Massachusetts involves surveys establishing where the jobs are in the state and where the state will use its training funds. • Last year, **Brigid Sullivan Sheehan** attended a NC alumnae tea at BC's McMullen Museum, where portraits of three Newton presidents were unveiled. The portraits will hang in Alumni House on the Newton Campus. **Linda Gray MacKay** attended the tea, too. Our belated congratulations to Linda, who received her master of pastoral ministry last spring. • **Patsy Keating** (aka Zelda), who sends her love, writes that "at this point in our lives, our main choices appear to center around Medicare supplements and, for many, trying to remember the true color of our hair." She noted that we are still dancing, although not quite as fast as we did to Ruby Newman (remember???). • This reminds me of a meeting my neighbor and I attended recently, where as newcomers we offered a little of our background(s) to the group. Most had children in the high school/college ages. I followed my neighbor's example and said I have four adult children (no specific ages). • In February 2005, Bob and I met our Michelle and hubby David in Los Angeles to visit the Getty Museum. If you have the opportunity, don't miss it. The Getty and the exhibits are wonderful, and the vistas of the Pacific, LA, etc., are breathtaking. Then we went on to Santa Barbara to visit relatives and toured the Santa Barbara Courthouse (another don't miss), Solvang and a few missions. After Mass on Sunday in Santa Barbara, we brunchd at a quaint French country-style restaurant near the water. As I turned to retrieve my purse, I noticed a lady who resembled Oprah. I dismissed that idea until I turned further and saw Stedman. Speaking of age, hair color and the difference makeup can make... it does! • In June 2005, we attended Bob's BC '60 reunion, where we met up with Tim and **Gael Sullivan Daly** and Allan and Mary Ann Cole McLean (NC '63). All look wonderful and are involved in many volunteer activities (which, of course, is the Jesuit emphasis now and what we did while at Newton). While on campus we visited the McMullen Museum, where one of the exhibits was beyond my ken. The title was "Gone." • I have joined a group at our parish in the "Prayer Shawl Ministry," knitting (or one can crochet) shawls for those with illnesses. I have also joined a Bible study group. The first topic was "Women in the Old Testament" and next is "Hebrews" (which apparently was not written by Paul, not to the Hebrews and not a letter but a homily). • As many of you know, Louis Hoffmann is battling multiple myeloma. We saw him recently, and his spirits and attitude are wonderful; keep him and his family in your prayers. • Hope you and yours had a wonderful summer. Good health and blessing to you all.

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I spoke with **Ken Gnazzo** at his business headquarters in Plainville, CT. He has successfully



managed a chain of grocery stores in Connecticut for a number of years. His son and two daughters live in the Hartford area, and his son Keith is also involved in the business. Ken and his wife are very involved with their two grandchildren and are still attending BC hockey and basketball games. The Gnazzos enjoy skiing in Vermont, and Ken sends his regards to all his classmates. • **Jack MacKinnon** recently met classmate **Dick Locke** in Hingham. Dick is currently general counsel for Pacific Gas and Electric and makes his home in the San Francisco area. Dick will join **Jerry Coogan**, **Fred Torphy** and **Paul McNamara** as part of the 40th Reunion Committee for the BC Law School. • I also spoke with **Don Fontaine** last week and learned that after completing law school, he joined the Peace Corps and then was very active in the civil rights movement during the '60s and '70s. He moved back to Maine and has been specializing in the legal aid field ever since. He and his wife, Cecile, have four children and live in the Portland area. • **Bob Capalbo** just returned from a 15-day tour of China. He and the group he was with visited Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Guilin and Hong Kong. He was most impressed with the industriousness of the Chinese people and the major building boom and growth taking place in all the major cities. People work hard and care for each other. He said it was an unforgettable trip.

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I received a wonderfully inspiring letter from our classmate **Bob Smith**, who describes himself as "the other end" (**Artie Graham** being the opposite end). Bob assures us that there is life after retirement, and it is truly refreshing. Bob is mostly retired and continues to reside in West Chester, PA, after running his own ceramic components company. He still keeps his hand in it, doing some estimating for tile jobs at establishments such as hospitals and restaurants. He spends many of his hours in retirement doing heavy-duty rowing on the Schuylkill River. Bob sent along an article from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, which included a front-page photo of Bob with his eight-man crew on their long boat out on the river for a practice run. The Leatherneck Eight, as they are known (all ex-Marines), is a Master rowing crew, consisting mostly of 50- and 60-year-olds. They work out four times a week, typically doing "six" – three miles up river and back. In various regattas, they've won four gold medals and two silver medals. They hope to qualify for the Head of the Charles Regatta this fall. Among Bob's claims to fame is that he is a cousin of the late actress/princess Grace Kelly. Bob was a platoon leader in Nam, where he ran midnight ammo convoys. He and his wife, Linda, who has just retired as a schoolteacher, have three children and nine grandchildren. As I spoke to Bob, he was waiting for a limo to pick up the whole family to go to Linda's retirement party. He reports that through rowing, he's shed 45

pounds. Some great encouragement for the rest of us on how to age gracefully! Way to go, Bob! • **Joe Adams** died suddenly in January 2005, following a heart attack. He had coronary bypass surgery six years ago, had kept in good shape and was thought to be doing well, reports his wife, Carol. Joe had put himself through night school and went on to become president of a family owned/operated construction supply firm, specializing in doors and millwork, in Cambridge. The family lived in Stoneham and summered in Onset; Joe loved boating and fishing in Onset Bay and its environs with their six children and 12 grandchildren (with one more on the way!). • I also received word that **Jane C. (Donahue) Grandia** passed away in February; she had been residing in Fort Worth, TX. Please remember our deceased classmates in your prayers. • My mailbag was otherwise woefully light. This column only operates with classmate news! Keep those cards, letters and e-mails coming!

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I've received a wonderful letter from **Suzanne Weiss** in which she reports that she has retired from *Reader's Digest* and has taken on a new "career" volunteering as a tutor in ESL (English as a Second Language). She says she has learned a lot about the world from her students. She gets together every fall with **Beth Tierney Paquin** at **Judy Brill Callahan's** on Cape Cod. • I was able to reach **Judy**, who has retired from a local bank. She also requested that I tell you that if you are traveling through the Falmouth area of the Cape in the fall to please give her a call. • Judy also reported another death. **Beth Martin** died in February 2004. By my count, that makes four so far: **Beth Martin**, **Margie Devine Clause**, **Marcia Isaak** and **Gay Smith**. If anyone knows of any others, please let me know. • **Katrina Sclater Carey** lives in Westfield, where she has taught kindergarten for years. She plans to retire in October 2005. She has two sons, almost as old as mine but not quite. Mine are 40 and 39. • **Alicia Sullivan Quirk** lives in Middletown, RI, which is next door to the famous Newport. She and her husband operate an employment agency specializing in both temporary and permanent positions. Alicia and her husband have three children and five grandchildren. She is also heavily involved in crafts, including basket weaving, knitting, beading and crocheting. • **Julie Fenlon Nagle** has retired as director of the Montessori school system in Haverhill. She and her husband have five daughters and six grandchildren. Julie says that she has very fond memories of our 40th reunion. • I am going to use this as a lead-in to something very important. We are presently at year 42, which means we are three years from our 45th reunion. I think it's never too early to make plans. Think about it!

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**Tom Condon** writes: "I retired in January as vice president for clinical administration at Yale-New Haven Hospital. My wife died unexpectedly in

April, of a ruthless degenerative brain disease. My children cared valiantly for her at home until her death, three weeks after diagnosis. We are all still stunned." Tom stays busy working on a bevy of nonprofit boards. • "Jim Lucie and the Heightsmen got together again after some 40 years and had an absolutely wonderful time playing for the Class of '64 reunion last year," writes **Ken Calabria**. "The gig was so well received that we were invited to come back for the Class of '65 reunion as the band for the dance Saturday night. The band has members from both classes: **Bill Cormier** and me from '64 and **Jim Lucie**, **Dave Glover**, **Mike Connor** and **Bobbie Camacho** from '65." • **Dan Benson** moved to Southport, NC. He writes that he "slipped into retirement gradually after about 22 years in marketing and communication." • "I am not retired!" shouts **Bob Scavullo**. "I am in my second career. Since September 2002, I have been spending most of my time as a pro bono learning coach of LD and ADHD high school students" in the San Francisco area. • **Charlie Forbes** is enjoying his sabbatical with "lots of travel and some applied research." Charlie is chair of the Department of Psycho Ceramics at a local university. • **Jim Beakey** attended the "Florida College Classic" hockey tournament last winter. "We saw **John Barrett** and **Jim Cahill** at the game. In June 2004, **Bob Daley**, **Jim Cahill** and I, along with **John Cuneo** ('63), met at our Marine Corps Officers Basic School reunion, in Quantico, VA." • **Ed Dowd** retired from **John Hancock** and **Wellesley** and moved to the Boston waterfront, only to see his beloved wife, **Mary Ann**, succumb to a debilitating disease. • **P.J. Volpe** is living in Charleston, SC, and is in the travel business. • **Chuck Clough** and wife **Gloria** downsized to a home in Concord that is slightly larger than Fenway Park. Chuck is on the **Yawkey Foundation Board** and has been chairman of the **BC Board of Trustees**. • **Art Crandall** recently lost his mother, **Mary**. **Mike Ford** celebrated a beautiful Mass, and I was privileged to serve as pallbearer. • **Art Doyle**, with the College Board for many years, has returned to Milton. A "later in life" marriage to **Susan** means two (**Megan** and **Brendan**) in college, with **Katie** at **Milton High**. • **Anthony Santoro** is teaching law at **Roger Williams University**, having been dean of the law school and president of the school. • **Dan Polvere** is practicing law in Charlestown, specializing in real estate and trust work. Daughter **Lucianna** celebrated her wedding in July, while daughter **Francesca** is at **Duke** and studying in **Florence**. • **Bob Callen** retired from **Mobil** a few years ago and lives in **Orleans** and **McLean, VA**. Daughter **Meghan's** wedding last fall served as a mini BC/BC High reunion for **Fran Quinn**, **Walter Rossiter**, **Ed Dowd** and me. • After over 20 years as a chaplain at **Holy Cross**, **Fr. Mike Ford, SJ**, has returned to BC as vice rector. • **Fr. Jim Spillane, SJ**, is in **Indonesia** and was active in coordinating relief efforts in the wake of the recent tsunami. • **Bill Collins** is returning from a sabbatical at **BC High**, where he teaches English. • Teaching math at **BC High** is **Larry Blake**. • **Bill Daly** has moved to **Acushnet** and, with his family, manages a half-dozen **Dunkin' Donut** shops. Class "President for Life" **Norb Nyhan** maintains a successful CPA practice in **Dedham** and has been very active in BC alumni affairs for many



years. • **Bob Bent** and wife Jane are in Brookline and have two daughters: Melissa is a co-owner of Rivington Arms art gallery in New York, while Eliza ('04) was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa. • **Dan Higgins** retired from the US Navy and is now living in Brighton. • **George Bailey**, professor of English composition at Northern Essex (MA) Community College, recently won a National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Award for Excellence. • That's it for now. Keep those e-mails coming!

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Just a reminder – please make sure that you use my e-mail address listed above. I still have my old address at CompuServe, but I hardly ever check it, and I would hate to miss any of your news. • Speaking of news, I received another update from **Maureen Leahy Davis**. She mentioned that her sister, Nancy, died of thyroid cancer 10 weeks after their mother died. Nancy was actually baptized Anne Marie, because the Catholic church insisted she have a saint's name, but her parents always called her Nancy. She was married to Robert F. Shea and lived in Braintree. Maureen mentioned, too, that another sister, Sheila Leahy Valicenti, is also a Newton graduate, Class of 1962. • But getting back to the Class of '64, you'll laugh when I tell you about my latest unexpected encounter with one of our classmates. Marc and I bought tickets for *The Magic Flute* at the Metropolitan Opera House in April. We have a regular opera subscription, but that wasn't on it this season. Well, we found ourselves sitting right next to **Regina McDonnell Hayes**, who, by the way, also has a regular opera subscription, but not for that night or that opera either. The Met Opera House is a very big place. I wonder what those odds are. • Well, it seems there was another one of those wonderful get-togethers, this time in April 2005, in Philadelphia. **Louise Majewski Dunleavy** hosted a get-together that included **Ann Marie DeNisco L'Abbate**, **Nance Lyons** and **Judy Ernst Tortora**. Happily, Louise e-mailed some photos to me, and not only did everyone look terrific, they were obviously all having a ball. Plus, there was a surprise guest at one of their dinners: Celia Welsh Creskoff! Celie did two years with us at Newton, before leaving because her father was ill. She finished at Rosemont. But here's another coincidence: She and Louise are both guidance counselors at a high school in Philadelphia. Celie looked great. • Congratulations to **Alice O'Connor Josephs** on the birth of her second grandson, Jonah Flint, on February 8, 2005. • As for yours truly, we recently got back from a trip to London. We took a "theater tour" with a group from the Weston Playhouse Theatre in Vermont, and it was terrific. It included meeting producers, directors, actors – even the *London Times* theater critic, Benedict Nightingale. Plus, we had great discussions as a group after the performances. I recommend it highly to anyone who's a theater fanatic, as are we. Marc and I actually stayed two extra days and went to two operas at Covent Garden. The only downside was the conversion rate. It is the very first time that I bought myself

absolutely nothing while on a trip. Marc was quite pleased. • Well, that's it for this go-round. I'm still trying to find out who has that e-mail list that we compiled at the reunion. When I know, you'll know. Meanwhile, be advised that a terrible thing has happened. I'm actually enjoying reading the AARP magazine. So it has come to this.

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Our 40th reunion was a great success. It was so enjoyable to see so many classmates and dance to the music of **Jim Lucie** and the Heightsmen. I don't think most of us appreciated what a great band we had years ago at BC, but they certainly made for a wonderful Saturday night reunion. • **John Frechette** is retired and living in Naples, FL, in the winter and on Cape Cod in the summer. He is playing a lot of golf and reading his way through retirement, and he's enjoying it tremendously. • **Joe Armbrust** is with a law firm in New York City and living in Madison, NJ. He and his wife, Sue, play golf together whenever they can. • **Neal Hunt** has his own commercial financial firm in Canton. Neal and Suzanne's daughter, Courtney, is a senior at Boston College. • **Dave Wilson** is currently living in Cincinnati with his wife, Sue Anne. They have three children: one lives in Cincinnati, another in Atlanta and Michael ('03) is in Boston and works at State Street Bank. After a career in the flavor industry, Dave is now a recruiter specializing in that industry. • Ellen and **Doug Mello** live in Rye, NY, and Vero Beach, FL. Doug started his own consulting firm and keeps busy but still plays a lot of golf. Ellen is still practicing law part-time in New York City. Their son, JD, is married to Gina and living in New York City. They have a six-month-old daughter, Jaden Emma. • Mary Ann and **Vincent Giffuni** live in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, and New York City. They have two children: Matthew, a graduate of Duke, Duke Law and Chicago MBA, who lives in New York City, and Sara ('94), who is married to Rob Joseph ('91). VQ is a NYC landlord never to retire! • Tanya and **Joe Vena** live in West Orange, NJ. Their son, Damien ('97), is a producer for HBO, and their daughter, Alexis ('01), is an associate producer for "The Abrams Report" on MSNBC. Tanya and Joe stay in close touch with a number of BC classmates. • **Joe DiFeo** lives in Jersey City, NJ. He has three children: Joe, Jr.,

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who lives in Asheville, NC; Andrew ('97), who lives in Melbourne, FL; and Christina ('04). Joe has been in the retail automobile business for the past 30 years. • **George "Tex" Comeaux's** daughter, Susie, is a member of the BC Class of 2006. George writes that Susie is following in the footsteps of her mother, our late classmate **Maureen Reilly Comeaux**. Her siblings attended Stonehill, Ithaca, Providence, Texas A&M and Holy Cross. • There were so many other BC classmates at the reunion that I would enjoy hearing from. • On a very sad note, **Jim Eckloff's** wife, **Mary Choquette Eckloff**, passed away last winter. Jim's mother, Isabelle Eckloff, passed away on April 23, 2005. We offer Jim our sympathy and prayers.

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It is the day following the reunion as I write this, and my mind is racing with the memories. What a wonderful experience to step back into that life of 40-plus years ago and feel that you never left. Thanks from the entire class to **Priscilla Durkin**, **Donna Cianelli**, **Gretchen Monagan Sterling**, **Barbara Sweeney Kenny**, **Mary McGinn** and **Connie Lynch Godin** for all of your planning work. In addition to the committee, the following classmates attended: **Judith Aldrich Crowley**, **Susan Casey Engel**, **Lisa Pustorino Edmiston**, **Cathy Thompson**, **Sheila Sullivan Wilson**, **Joan Walsh Rossi**, **Annmarie O'Connor Stanton**, **Chris Bassett**, **Dottie O'Connell Cherry**, **P-J Mikita McGynn**, **Nancy Cuniff**, **Karen Kinnealey**, **Sue Bearden McNamara**, **Nancy Philpott Cook**, **Nancy McNiff O'Brien**, **Joyce Bryan Suthard**, **Charlene Smith Betourney**, **Joan Mutty McPartlin**, **Cathy Dacey Perkins**, **Libby Miller Fitzgerald**, **Joan Wienk Gallagher**, **Mary Murphy**, **Cathy Lugar**, **Mary Ratchford Hesselgrave**, **Pat McEvoy Smith**, **Harriet Dower Stephenson**, **Margaret Schmitt Schmidt**, **Gay Friedman**, **Chris Cartnick Merritt** and yours truly. If you weren't there, know that you were missed, as the conversations were peppered with, "Where is \_\_\_? I wish she had come, I really wanted to see her again." Five of our classmates came back for the first time, and all five remarked that they will not miss another. Altogether, 36 of us attended, and Mother White joined us at Sunday brunch. What an inspiration she remains for all of us to be involved and to be vibrant. She is still teaching! • P-J Mikita McGlynn and I joined **Dorothy Sforza Calabrese** and **Marianne Pizzuto Haggerty** at the home of Lisa Pustorino Edmiston and husband Mark in Madison, CT, on the eve of the reunion. Their daughter Anne and adorable granddaughters Julia and Allie stopped by to say hello. Lisa is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Cancer Support Team in Westchester and assisting in their fund-raising efforts. • Joan Mutty McPartlin has five children and five "furry" grandchildren including two rescued racehorses and two rescued dogs. One daughter is a chef on a private yacht currently in the South Pacific, and the rest are, as Joan says, "normal." • Nancy McNiff O'Brien has six children (over a span of three decades!) and 15 grandchildren. Her youngest son, Patrick, graduated from Holy Cross in 2004 and is now in Navy flight training in Corpus



Christi. Her youngest grandchild, Christopher John O'Brien, was born the night the Red Sox won the World Series. Nancy sells residential real estate in the Acton-Concord area. • Annmarie O'Connor Stanton retired in June 2005 as a middle school teacher in Milton in order to continue her avid golfing habit. Annmarie has two children: Christine, who has a son, Luke, and Paul ('93), who has a son, Jack. • Please join our class e-mail list that will be shared only with classmates. Please include "Newton News" in the subject line. • Lots more news to come in the next column! Until then, enjoy each day!

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## REUNION YEAR

**Joan Fitzmaurice** (GA&S '86) has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 Alumni Achievement Award for Health. All members of the Class of 1966 are invited to join in honoring her achievements at the award ceremony and reception to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at Robsham Theater, Main Campus. For more information, please visit [www.bc.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bc.edu/alumniawards) or call 800-669-8430 to reserve space at the event.

**Anthony Picarello** wrote with news of a nonprofit organization that he and his wife have founded to help prevent and treat liver disease and to promote awareness of organ transplantation. In early 2000, the couple's son contracted an acute liver disease and received an emergency liver transplant; he is doing well now and living a normal, healthy life. Anthony writes: "Prior to this life-changing event, we had never realized how many people do not understand the organ donation process... Therefore, in conjunction with the New England Organ Bank, we educated ourselves so we could help heighten the awareness of the importance of organ donation." More information is available at [www.ap-foundation.org](http://www.ap-foundation.org). • **William Keane** was recently named physician-director of Jefferson University Physicians, a nonprofit supporting organization of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. William is an internationally recognized head and neck surgeon and one of the nation's leading experts on the treatment of head and neck cancers. He joined the faculty of Jefferson Medical College as a professor and chair of the Department of Otolaryngology in 1991. He currently resides in Wynnewood, PA. • **Ann Riley Finck** is a founding member of the Council for Women at Boston College.

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## REUNION YEAR

There's not much going on in your lives, if the amount of news I receive is any measure. Yet I'm sure each of you has an interesting story to tell – please put it on your to-do list to send me an e-mail so I can share your story with the class! • I received only one e-mail this quarter – from Bonnie O'Boyle, who started with the Class of 1967. Normally I would have forwarded this to

the 1967 class secretary, but I was so excited to get some news that I'm including it here! Bonnie, who transferred to Penn after sophomore year, writes that "the *BC Magazine* arrives faithfully. So do the fundraising letters, which means I now have two colleges pursuing me! Thought I'd send in an update, as I've just done something extraordinary, at least in these days of constant motion. After living 59 years on Radcliffe Street in Bristol, PA, I moved last November to a beautiful old house just on the outskirts of Doylestown. This brings me a half-hour closer to my two horses, my sister and many friends in this area. Doylestown has welcomed me by putting me on the board of the Michener Museum, a wonderful regional art museum – definitely worth seeing if you're in the area! I still see some old classmates. Renee Ermatinger DesRosiers (NC '67) and my freshman roommate, Kathy Doran Hegenbart (NC '67), do their best to keep me up to snuff. A losing battle! I'd be happy to hear from others at [Sphinx325@aol.com](mailto:Sphinx325@aol.com)." • **Joan Candee Collins** married Wally Rentsch, her longtime companion, on May 29, 2005, in Sonoma, CA. Attending the wedding were Richard and **Sandra Puerini Del Sesto**, **Beth Gundlach**, Frank and **Barbara Childs Hall**, **Cathy Beyer Hurst** and Dave Julier and David and **Joyce LaFazia Heimbecker**. It was a lovely ceremony, held outdoors at a small inn in the center of Sonoma on a beautiful day, with vows written by Joan and Wally that brought a tear to every eye. We all decided that marriage ceremonies are wasted on the young! Wally's son and Joan's brother, son and son-in-law served as groomsmen. Joan's two daughters were her attendants, and her niece and grandson and Wally's grandson performed the petal-strewing and ring-bearing. It was interesting to have the more mature folks the center of the wedding festivities, and the young people (Joan and Wally's respective children, and Joan's nieces and nephews, many of whom live in the San Francisco area) serving as helpers, planners and doers – rather than the other way around! • Your class secretary also needs to brag that her son, Timothy Beyer Hurst, received his master's degree in political science from Colorado State in May, and started a PhD program there in September. He wants to be a college professor, which would make him the third-generation academic in our family. My dad, a former professor at Brown University, at the age of 85, still goes to the university once or twice a week, and is a sought-after speaker at conferences in his discipline.

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Congratulations to **Joe O'Leary** and his wife, Carolyn (NC '68), on the birth of their second grandson, Cole, and the graduation of their son David ('01, JD '05) from the combined JD/MBA program at BC. • I recently had lunch with our treasurer, **Leo McHugh**, who is looking good after his heart attack of last year. • **Jim Day** is doing fine and has returned to work full time in California. • It was good to see **Len Doherty** and Mary Ellen at the Newton Country Day School, where their daughter is a student and quite a dancer. Chris is doing great at Fairfield! • Your correspondent was

recently at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC, and said hello to some classmates (**Dennis Reardon**, **John Fitzgibbons** and Michael Counihan). • Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **Barbara Green** on her passing in September 2004. Another sad passing is that of **Loran Sanford**, who died while vacationing in Costa Rica. He leaves his wife, Cynthia Joyce; two daughters, Ainsley McKee and Brittany Sanford; and two granddaughters, Chloe Joyce McKee and Paige Gavin McKee. Classmate **Ed Minor** delivered a wonderful eulogy.

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No news is bad news... when one wants to pass on the latest from one part of our class to another. I must apologize for not finding the time to reach out to anyone either. That sizable renovation project I mentioned in the last column is still going on in the Free household three months later, and the end is not quite in sight yet. On another note, this year a lot of us start celebrating birthdays with a different digit in the tens place. (Figuring out what I mean is your math challenge for the week. Hint: Think decades.) Any special celebrations with classmates or family? Are you taking your own time to commemorate the occasion? Others of us are starting to look toward "retirement," especially after reading about the adventures that some of you already in this position are reporting. **Faith Brouillard Hughes** is counting the days. How about the rest of you? I hope many of you will be inspired to answer my queries so there will be news in the next edition. • And a reminder: The Class Prayer Net has had no requests of late. Please get in touch if you have need for it. In the meantime, I hope you had a good summer and will enjoy a beautiful fall. God bless!

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**Kenneth Hackett** has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 Alumni Achievement Award for Religion. All members of the Class of 1968 are invited to join in honoring his achievements at the award ceremony and reception to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at Robsham Theater, Main Campus. For more information, please visit [www.bc.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bc.edu/alumniawards) or call 800-669-8430 to reserve space at the event.

A pretty slim mailbag this time, classmates. **Reid Oslin** was recently honored for his lifelong contribution to amateur football by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame at its 30th annual Awards Dinner for the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter. Reid is Boston College's senior media relations officer in the Office of Public Affairs. He served as associate athletic director for media relations at BC for 24 years before joining the Public Affairs staff in 1997. Last year he authored the popular book *Tales from the Boston College Sideline*. He was also inducted into the BC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989. A resident of Milton, Reid and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of Reid T., Tierney and Gaelyn. • More grand news for the Happy Days. A new lit-



tle Day boy has joined our clan. Our adorable little fellow is Brady Laurence Day, born in Boston on May 13, 2005. His parents, Katie and Matthew ('95), are over the moon with pride and joy. This is the fifth beautiful grandbaby for Jim and me. We rejoice with the greatest gladness indeed!

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**Robert E. Burke** has been selected as the permanent chair of the Department of Health Services Management and Leadership in the School of Public Health at The George Washington University in Washington, DC. Bob was selected after a national search that extended over two years. His term will begin immediately. Bob has served as the department's interim chair for the past two years. He currently serves on the BC Alumni Association Board and is the father of Brianne ('05).

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Greetings! Have all our traveling classmates returned home? **Paula Fisher Paterson** has been to Hawaii, Hilton Head, Paris and Cincinnati. I met up with her in Cincinnati. This past February she and **Jill Hendrickson Daly** traveled to Paris together. It's their second rendezvous there. I even got a postcard from them. Jill recently received her master of education from Salem State College. She was inducted into the Alpha Kappa Phi honor society and led the Schools of Human Services at the graduation ceremony. • **Pam DeLeo Delaney** recently returned from one of her favorite spots, Italy. • My husband and I spent several days this past spring in England, Scotland and Ireland traveling with our daughter Meghan, as she is completing her junior year abroad at the University of York. Only one more year of tuition at Holy Cross! • Congratulations are in order for **Polly Glynn Kerrigan** and her husband, Bob. Their first grandchild, Thomas Kerrigan Cole, was born on June 3, 2005, to their daughter Amy and her husband, Andrew. • Congratulations are also in order for Vinnie Tuohey, son of **Carol Romano Tuohey**. As a ROTC alumnus of Harvard and as a soldier who recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq, he spoke about those experiences at the ROTC commissioning ceremony at Harvard on June 8, 2005. • **Margaret Bobalek King** writes that in December 2003, she had a kidney transplant that freed her from two and a half years of dialysis. As a result of the transplant, she had to end her 10 years as a journal teacher at the Perfect Place for Children preschool. From her experiences she wrote and published a book, *Tadpole Tales: Teaching Children Reading and Journal Writing*. With time and energy at her disposal, she then devoted her efforts to writing. In 2005, she published in the Second Northwoods Anthology, "Angel Face: A Christian

Journal of Poetry," and her poems and a short story will appear in the Dan River Anthology in 2006. Her book-length manuscript of poetry, 50 pages long, titled "Walking with Kierkegaard," was a semifinalist in the prestigious Nicholas Roerich Poetry Prize Contest. She is now working on a second book about Derry, NH, the town where she lives. This book will include historical overlays, since Derry was founded in 1719 by Scotch Irish immigrants who were fleeing from religious persecution. Her eldest daughter, Laura, graduated on May 22, 2005, as valedictorian of her class from Whittier School of Law in Los Angeles. Her son, Michael, who received his master of mechanical engineering at MIT in 2003, continues in the PhD program there and is currently representing MIT at a structural fibers conference in Austria. Her youngest daughter, Alice, is a junior at the University of New Hampshire and was recently awarded honors at a convocation on May 13. Margaret and her husband, Bob, are proud of their great kids! Bob continues to work as an MIS manager at Teledyne Electronic Technologies, where he solves many problems related to computers. They both enjoy gardening and have turned their acre of land into a fruitful place with an apple orchard, rose gardens and a large vegetable-producing area. Thank you, Peg, for sending me your message. • Got news? It's just a type away!

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***Susan McManama Gianinno** has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 Alumni Achievement Award for Commerce. All members of the Class of 1970 are invited to join in honoring her achievements at the award ceremony and reception to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at Robsham Theater, Main Campus. For more information, please visit [www.bc.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bc.edu/alumniawards) or call 800-669-8430 to reserve space at the event.*

Hi, gang! For the few of you who couldn't make it, let me say it was a memorable 35th reunion. Congratulations all around, especially to Reunion Co-Chairs **Mike Mingoelli** and **Ginger McCourt**. Over 120 classmates and guests met in the Walsh Hall function room for an enjoyable evening of memories and magic. Clearly a highlight of the evening was when Fr. Leahy came by to congratulate the whole class on a record-breaking 35th reunion gift of almost \$4.4 million. Thanks to all who gave and particular congratulations to Class Gift Chair **George Yost** and his committee. George assured us that there's still time for those who haven't yet mailed your checks. • Let me mention but a few classmates I ran into. Unfortunately, your scribe didn't have much chance to do more than say a quick "hello" to some; to all, please drop me a line when you can. • We warmed up on Friday night eating, drinking and dancing under the stars in the quadrangle between Lyons, Devlin, Gasson and Fulton, and there was no doubt that the Class of '70 was the life of the party. • **Tom Hassler**, who probably flew in the farthest, coming from his home in Bozeman, MT, kept better notes than your poor scribe about who was there. Tom, could you send them along? I was too busy on the dance floor

(actually the hot top in front of Fulton, but it worked). • Had a nice chat Saturday night with Br. **Joe Britt**, who's now serving his order in Washington. He recently spent five years in Lithuania, where he was helping the order reestablish a religious school in that country. • **John Bonnage** is another who came in from the DC area, where he has worked for a number of years as a psychologist for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. • While most of us only vaguely look like the yearbook pictures that were being flashed on the screen, **Frank Sapienza**, an engineer at Camp Dresser & McKee in Boston, could probably enroll as a freshman (so I exaggerate a little). Frank may have also traveled the least to get there, coming just three miles from his home in Brookline. • Nobody kept count of who had the most children, but **Tony Beirne** and his wife, Mary Ann ('71), who came in from their home in Lake Forest, IL, checked in with five. • **Fran Doyle**, who had a very successful career with Price Waterhouse, is now the CEO of Connell Industries, the business originally started by the late Jim Connell, benefactor of the Connell School of Nursing. • **Victor Alibrandi** has moved a few times on the East Coast in his job with Morgan Stanley, but he has now settled in as a broker in Providence, RI, and it looks like he'll be staying put for a while at least. • **Phil Cody** came up from Jupiter, FL. I unfortunately didn't have much chance to talk with him, so, Phil, drop me a line. • Andover dentist **Jim Phelan** and I had a chance to trade stories about the 25th reunion, when both of us were marshals and ended up walking the last couple of miles up Commonwealth Avenue in full top hat and tails due to the incredible traffic jam. • My wife, Joanne (GA&S '74), and I had dinner with **Ellie Gerson** and her husband, Bill ('68), and **Pat Marvin** and her husband, Ron, who is a friend of mine from high school. The Gersons live in Holliston, where Ellie has taught for a number of years. I have some relatives in the town, so we had a little bit of old home week. The Marvins live in Andover. Both families have daughters who were simultaneously celebrating their fifth anniversary with a large party in the Flynn Recreation Complex. A special thank-you goes to Pat, who had worked with the Alumni Office to put together a computer program that one by one showed the yearbook picture of our deceased classmates; a simple, yet powerful tribute to those who have gone before. At some point in the evening, everyone there took a few minutes to look at the pictures and remember. A moment that probably evoked more memories than anything else that took place during the weekend. • Sorry to those who sent me material that I didn't mention this time; it is appreciated, and I'll be sharing your news in the near future. I will close as I promised I would: There is no question that **Bill Mallon** had the best flowered shirt.

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Congratulations to BC's entering freshmen, including **Barbara Cook Fabiani's** daughter Katie, **Patti Bruni Keefe's** daughter Molly, and my daughter, Sarah Buente! • Thanks to all who made the reunion special, especially Julie Nuzzo (NC '74) in



the Alumni Association! My favorite reunion story was **Cricket Costigan's** account of how Lois Carnick Germano (NC '71) saved her life. Lois drove Cricket, then recovering from heart surgery, into Manhattan in the wee hours of the morning to seek help for postoperative complications. Because Cricket was connected to an IV bag, which had to be held over her head, Lois taped the bag to the car roof to drive, crept from the parking lot to the hospital holding Cricket in one arm and the bag in the other, and, before entering the hospital, tied Cricket and the bag to a tree to step aside and sneak one last cigarette. Cricket, now in good health, remains amazed at how many New Yorkers will not bat an eye walking past someone tied to a tree. (In college, Lois simply refused to be stumped by the *Sunday New York Times* crossword puzzle, so her problem-solving skills are legendary.) • **Lynne McCarthy** and **Anne McDermott** preceded the reunion with a spa visit; both arrived glowing. • **Judie Dwyer-Mahl** logged perhaps the most miles. She flew from California, delighting us with tales of her daughter in college and her son finishing high school. • **Kay Vollmer Fitch**, attending her first reunion, caught the spirit and offered to organize a follow-up gathering – a trip to the casinos. Contact her, ye gamblers! Kay lives and works in Syracuse. She delights in her children: three live in Chicago and one relocated nearby. • **Joan O'Callaghan** is an independent consultant in metropolitan Washington, DC, translating highly technical material into plain English for companies and government. She can be contacted at [commcoll@aol.com](mailto:commcoll@aol.com). She recently undertook an ambitious project: razing her house and rebuilding it on the same site as the perfect retirement dwelling. • **Marie Dybczak Somers** still speaks beautiful Polish but has yet to convince her daughters to learn the language. (Keep at it, Marie!) • **Kathy Sheehan**, an IT specialist for Cingular in Atlanta, confessed to using Windows 95 at home; Sr. Elizabeth White joined us; and **Jeanne Stansfield Provencher** took lots of pictures. • **Garrett Orazem**, husband of **Nancy Durkin Orazem**, who passed away recently, joined us in Nancy's stead. **Rita Houlihan** reported: "Nancy's funeral was really joyful! Nancy had selected the music already, and Garrett and I selected positive readings for the Mass – full of resurrection, trumpets, mercy and joy. People commented that it was the most joyful funeral they had ever attended." As befits a language teacher, Nancy had asked friends to read poems in French and German. Anne McDermott read a 14th-century poem, "Paris." The last line of each verse roughly translates to "There is no city to compare with Paris." Donations in Nancy's memory may be made to Kenwood Convent of the Sacred Heart, 799 South Pearl St., Albany, NY 12202, c/o Meg Canty, RSCJ. • More reunion news in the next issue!

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## REUNION YEAR

**Thomas W. Burke** wrote that he recently ran into **Jim Lozier** and **Kevin Fee** while entering the stadium for the BC-UNC Continental Tire Bowl in Charlotte, NC, on December 30, 2004. After the

game, he struck up a conversation, only to find that it was **Bill Fogarty** ('70) and his wife. Bill is with The Weather Channel in Atlanta. Tom's older daughter, **Allison**, spent September 2004 doing an ER rotation at Boston City Hospital. She received her MD from Wake Forest Medical School in May and will do her ER residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. While in St. Louis in January for a residency interview, she was entertained by classmate/roommate **Dennis Doyle** and his wife, **Judy**. Tom is currently with Wachovia Insurance Services in Charlotte, after over 24 years with Aon Risk Services, each in commercial insurance brokerage. • **Robert E. Longden** has been named to the list of Massachusetts Super Lawyers. Only 5 percent of attorneys in Massachusetts are selected by their peers for this prestigious honor. Robert works in the real estate practice area at Bowditch & Dewey.

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## REUNION YEAR

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I'll start with some personal notes, if you don't mind: (1) In case you want to see a picture of the Red Sox championship trophy along with your correspondent, go to [www.sonnymcleans.com/redsoxnationwest/trophygalleries/gallery3/](http://www.sonnymcleans.com/redsoxnationwest/trophygalleries/gallery3/) and click on numbers 340-342; (2) I may have been over-enthused last column in proclaiming 2005 as the year of BC athletics. Instead, I've decided to proclaim it the year of Giacomo. Not only did the horse win the Kentucky Derby, but **Bill Giacomo** has been elected a judge on the New York State Supreme Court. Previously, Bill had a law practice in Westchester County and served as a part-time magistrate. • I got a letter from **Frank Murphy**, who informed me that he runs an alternative high school in Burlington, VT, called Horizons. In 2002, he wrote a book titled *Making Inclusion Work: A Practical Teacher's Guide*, published by Christopher-Gordon. • **Steve Fogg** (Law '75) has joined the firm of Day, Berry & Howard, LLP, as a partner in the business law department. Steve is a member of the Board of Overseers of the BC Law School. He currently lives in Dover. • Some members of the School of Nursing had a get-together recently and shared the following update. After months of trying to arrange a time, **Mary Ellen Manning Murphy**, **Beth Maher McCusker**, **Thelma Maloney Poole**, **Alison O'Brien** and **Julie O'Connell** were finally able to get together for dinner in Boston. They felt like they had just graduated from the School of Nursing and reported that they all looked surprisingly just about the same! Mary Ellen, her husband, John, and their four children share homes in Watertown and Sneem (County Kerry), Ireland. Mary Ellen's oldest, Dan, is a recent Lynch School grad. Her other children – Mairead, Michael and John Brendan – go to school and work in the Boston area. Mary Ellen works as a specialty case manager at the Tufts Health Plan in Watertown. Working alongside her

is **Beth McCusker**, who works as a case manager in the clinical services department at the Health Plan. Beth lives in Melrose with husband David and son Brian. Brian attends Assumption College in Worcester. They summer in West Dennis on Cape Cod. **Thelma Poole**, husband **Kendrick**, daughters **Elizabeth** and **Anne**, and granddaughter **Deanna** live in North Hampton, NH. **Thelma** works in nursing administration at both Exeter Hospital and the Rockingham County Nursing Care Facility. **Alison O'Brien** still works at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington; she is the senior education coordinator. **Alison** lives in Salem and is in the process of moving into a new house. She summers in New Hampshire at the family home there. **Julie O'Connell** now lives in Sandwich. She has worked at Philips Medical Systems (formerly Hewlett-Packard Co.) for a number of years and is currently the vice president for professional services in the information technology business line. The group missed seeing **Cindy Mullen Curran**, who lives in Sleepy Hollow, NY. One of Cindy's sons is a BC grad and another is currently in his second year. Their daughter attends school in New York. • The rest of this column isn't cheerful, but I couldn't help but notice the list in the Winter issue of class members who passed away last year: **Francine McCann Boehrner** was a professor at St. John's University and a resident of Hempstead, NY; **Thomas Durand** worked in public relations and lived in Milton; **Anne Kelly** was a librarian for the *Tribune-Review* of Greensburg, PA; **Joseph Murphy** was an assistant clerk magistrate with the West Roxbury District Court in Jamaica Plain; **Tom Powers** (whose widow sent me a letter) owned both real estate and cranberry businesses on Cape Cod; and **Harry Straus** (who passed away in 2002) lived in Bethesda, MD. There was also a listing of **Mary Kennedy Turick**, but I couldn't find any mention of her in my alumni directories. May they all rest in peace.

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Spring brought **Judith Wilt**, endowed chair of the Newton College Alumnae Professorship in Western Culture, to our 12th annual spring celebration at Stone Ridge Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Wilt gave a lecture truly in the spirit of the study of Western culture. Stop by her office on the campus to see her 885 chair, our gift because we believe that her chair is above all others. Dr. Wilt proudly displayed the 885 chair at the 2005 Newton College reunion weekend "Coffee and Conversation" on Saturday, June 4, 2005, during which she addressed the returning alumnae and moderated an early-morning book discussion on the novels of Ernest Hemingway and Virginia Woolf. At the spring tea, Meg Canty, RSCJ, delivered the latest news from Kenwood Convent and reported on the busy lives of the sisters who reside there. **Julie Hirschberg Nuzzo** (NC '74) brought her newly made Newton College banner to the tea as well as her tremendous spirit in ensuring our success. Thanks, Julie. Thanks also to our coordinators, **Pat Winkler Browne** (NC '60) and **Eva Sereghy** (NC '71), for making a spirit-filled Newton tea. • Once again, the *Albany Times Union* looked to



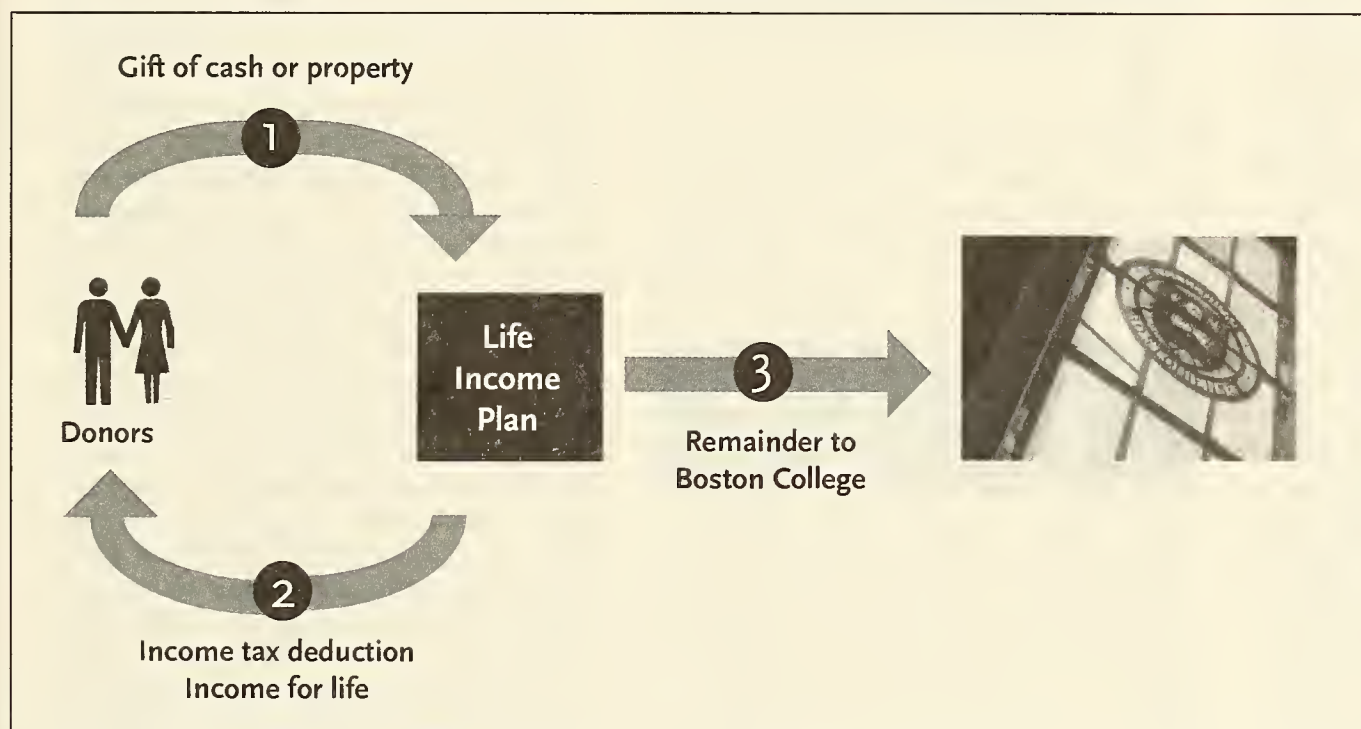


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Kenwood for interviews with Gabrielle Husson, RSCJ, and other religious about what awaits Pope John Paul II in the afterlife. • In a recent letter, Sister Husson expressed her thanks to Newton alumnae for the benches in their garden. • **Joan Segerson** is back with the State Department in Washington, DC. • **Elvira Flagg** wants to hear from other graduates of the master's program at Newton. Please join this column with graduate news. • **Mary Coan** writes from Iowa: "Elizabeth is teaching honors English to high school students in Rialto, CA. Luke graduates from St. Olaf's this year. He has traveled and studied in Mexico, Central and South America, and Cuba for his Hispanic studies major. Everyone is awaiting his next move and hoping that whatever it is, it includes health insurance. Ben is a freshman at St. Ambrose University, where he is participating in the National Outdoor Leadership School in Lander, WY. Hana is a junior in high school, has a gift for languages and hopes to make the most of it this summer in Spain and later at Concordia Language Camp for Chinese." Greg continues his medical practice, while Mary enjoys campus ministry at Clarke College. Last spring, Mary went with students on service trips to Hesed House, a homeless shelter near Chicago, and to Mississippi and Ecuador. Mary and local religious and care providers are trying to open a homeless shelter in Dubuque, a strong need in the wake of housing cutbacks and low minimum wage. In ending her news, Mary beautifully shared that she is grateful to her Sacred Heart education for deeply instilling in her the importance of justice and social action with a spirit of peace and gentleness. • **Kathleen Connor** is a vice president at US Bank National Association in Minneapolis. • **Judy Birmingham Harrington** reports that she enjoyed an evening with **Penny Price Nachtman** at Upstairs on the Square, followed by a ballet with Wes, **Agnes Acuff Hunsicker** and Don. Heather is a 2001 BC graduate, Ted is a 2005 Georgetown graduate, and Kyle has completed his freshman year at Loyola in Baltimore. Judy noted that **Cindy Ross Lauer** just returned from Scotland, where she visited her daughter Joanna, a junior at the University of Pennsylvania, who was studying there this past spring. • **Peggy Monahan Chaney** is a realtor with RE/MAX. Her mom, who is beginning to need more help, is living with them. Ned ('02) is in graduate school at Bentley. Jim and Peggy enjoy a cruise each winter. • Your poor (Sarah is at Boston College Law School this fall) and lonely (more news please to my new e-mail address) class correspondent thanks everyone for letting me begin my 26th year of writing this column. Take care.

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Kate Novak Vick sent me her holiday message, which is a great way to get information. She and her husband have started a new Web business, [www.jsflyfishing.com](http://www.jsflyfishing.com). Her daughter Sarah is a senior at Phillips Exeter and is doing very well,

including going to the Women's Henley Rowing Regatta in England. Son Charles is a junior at Hamilton College, his father's alma mater, where he is majoring in math and creative writing.

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I hope you had a great summer. I do not have much news for this issue, but it's all good! • **Jim Curtin** has been appointed director of mortgage business development for Direct Federal Credit Union. Jim's office is in Needham, where he lives with his wife, Nancy, and their daughters, Kate and Deirdre. • One of our classmates was honored as the recipient of this year's BC Arts Council Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement: **James Balog**, who is living in Boulder, CO, has published six books of his amazing nature photography. During the Arts Festival in April, he spoke with BC students who are interested in photography and gave the opening reception lecture for his exhibit "Tree: A New Vision of the American Forest" at the McMullen Museum. Among many other achievements, he is a contributing editor of *National Geographic Adventure*, and he is the only photographer ever commissioned by the US Postal Service to create a stamp series. The "Tree" exhibit was featured at the McMullen through mid-July. • Please take care, and e-mail or call me with your news. Thanks!

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Congratulations to **Mary Faith Schilling de Saavedra**, who was selected by the Spanish Ministry of Education to participate in a summer program for professors during the month of July at the Universidad de Deusto in Bilbao, Spain. Additionally, the Florida Department of Education awarded Mary Faith a scholarship for this program. Mary Faith attended the Universidad de Madrid for two semesters when she was a student at Newton. The program in Bilbao will allow her to continue academic advancement in a place that is very dear to her heart. • Speaking of Florida... who is living in Florida? If you are in Florida, it is your duty to contribute to the next news notes. • **Julie Hirshberg Nuzzo** is not in Florida, but she was in Bethesda, MD, to attend the 12th annual Newton College Alumnae Spring Tea at Stone Ridge Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. Julie is the assistant director of Newton College for the Boston College Alumni Association. Judith Wilt, the endowed chair of the Newton College Alumnae Professorship in Western Culture, was the guest speaker at the alumnae tea. • Congratulations to **Josephine Shields** for her recent exhibition. Jodie's work in "Paint, Photograph and Paper" was exhibited at All Saints Church Guild Room in Brookline last spring. If you haven't seen Jodie's work, you should! I regret not being able to attend her opening reception but look forward to her next show! • I also look forward to receiving all those notes from Florida. If you are not in Florida, write anyway.

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Hi, everyone. Approximately 170 classmates attended our glorious 30th reunion celebration on June 3-5, 2005. The events could not have unfolded as perfectly as they did without the hard work and dedication of Eva Maynard and the entire Alumni Association staff. The committee – **Kathleen McCarthy Cantwell**, **Jayne Saperstein Mehne**, **Kathy Bannan Magee**, **Doug Nucatola** and yours truly – thank you, Eva, for attending to all of the details, which made the meeting of new friends and the reconnecting of old friends a memorable experience. • Those arriving on Friday evening enjoyed the wine-tasting event at Gasson Hall, followed by a fun-filled outdoor social and barbecue held on the quad. The entertainment was superb, the weather ideal. Many alums were taken aback by the expansion and the beauty of the campus. • To show you what a small world we live in, two Minnesotans, **Kevin Short**, a criminal attorney, and **Chris Sullivan**, a physician specializing in infectious diseases, discovered they lived within one mile of each other in the Twin Cities. Chris and his wife, Lydia, enjoyed seeing their close friends **Tricia** and **Jeff Graeber**. Happy occasions were going on at the Graeber household: Ryan graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in economics. He is now in New Guinea with Habitat for Humanity International. Adam graduated from North Quincy High School and will be attending Commonwealth College at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. • Eleven members of the **Mortensons** et al. graduated from BC, and many of them celebrate the same year. It becomes a great family reunion! • **Kathy Bannan** is a lawyer and a full-time professor at Anna Maria College, where she teaches law courses. She is also an adjunct professor at Emmanuel College and maintains a small law practice. Her son Patrick is in high school. • **Russ Ryan** is living in Belmont with his wife of 28 years, Eileen. Their son Jeff graduated in 2003 from Amherst College, where he was captain of the football team; he is now in graduate school at Columbia. Their daughter Whitney is entering her senior year at Princeton, where she is captain of the swim team. Russ sold his trade show production in 2001, and they are enjoying good health, golf and travel. • **Gleason Gallagher** missed the reunion due to a scheduling problem. All is well with the Gallaghers, who are living in Carlisle. Daughter Kelly ('00), a broker for Smith Barney in Boston, attended her fifth reunion at the Heights. Daughter Lacy (Assumption '02) is a recruiter at Bioforce in Newton, and Tom (Providence '05) has begun his banking career at Brown Brothers Harriman in Boston. Mary, his bride of 29 years, continues to make first graders out of kindergartners. Gleason is launching a medical device business (public access defibrillators) to treat victims of sudden cardiac arrest. They look forward to being at the BC football and hockey games with the Norbies, McGees, Noonies, Quealys, McCues and the boys of Delta Sig. • A last-minute family obligation prevented **Debbie Posson Burke** (Mod 19B) from attending the reunion. She was recently back on the BC campus showing her son Ryan,



a junior in high school, her alma mater. Jenny is a sophomore at Ithaca College in New York, where she is studying sport management. Her dream job is to work for a professional sports team in some capacity. Debbie's husband, Ed, enjoys working for a start-up computer software company. • The ladies of Vanderslice 603 graciously hosted one of the many postreunion parties in their dorm room. Thank you to Candace Kelley McLaughlin, Mary Kane, Nancy O'Connor McCleary, Scottie Reid, Sally Hanke Lynch, Pat Colella Armstrong, Ann Hardiman and Maureen Murray. Ladies, we would love to hear from you! Please let us know how you are doing and what you are up to. Ditto to the reunion mates in Vanderslice 613: Tom Kennedy, John McKenna, Kevin Short, Tony Sukiennik, John Halcovich, Tim Kelly, Ardie Klement and Chuck Hopkins. • Also attending the reunion were classmates Patricia Ainsworth, Robert Ainsworth, Joan Bardsley, Kathleen Betts, Judith Bowman, Amy Breaton, Katalin Brown, Brett Capshaw, Stephen Carroll, Bill Clare, Cynthia Casemyr, Nancy Casey, Robert Casey, Clare Chapin, Mary Cicero, William Conley, Paul Conroy, Mary Conway, Robert Contillo ('76), William Corrado, J. Timothy Corrigan, James Coughlin, Mark D'Alessandro, Rebecca Davis ('80), Mary Delaney, Maureen Delaney, Roseann Dellaventura, Dolly DiPesa, William Donovan, Terese Donovan, Kenneth Durand, Robert Feeney, Paul Finstein, Catherine Lind Finstein, Rosemary Flynn, Gerard Frech, James and Jill Galvin, Jack Irwin, Marianne Glassanos, Lou Ann Gloekler, Margarita Gonzales, Walter Greaney, Patrick Griffin, John Halcovich, John Hamilton, Steve Hannigan, Paul Hannon, Chip Harris, Jim Healey, Joan Hill, Patricia Hoover, Janet Horrigan, Ray Julian and his wife, Michele (sporting the beautiful and dazzling Red Sox World Series ring), Kevin Kane, Anne O'Connor Kane, Teresa Karamourtopoulos, Paul Kelleher, Mary Jo Kelleher, Michael Kennedy, Regina Kernan, Peter Lawlor, Raymond Livingstone, Susan Lomas, Linda Luce, Thomas Maloney, Linda Manzi, Maureen McGann, Ann McKeon, Carole Mega, Marc Melikian, Evelyn Milner, Susan Monaghan, John Monaghan, Mike Morgan, James Mortenson, Susan Darveau and Arthur Murphy, Kate Murray, Urs Nager, Nancy O'Sullivan, Jane Oates, Christine Panson, Charles Pattavina, Joan Peifer, Mary Jo Phelan, Maureen Pirog, Ellen Powers, Vincent Quealy, Margarita Rooney, William Rooney, Judith Shindul Rothschild, Frances Rush, Mary Ann Russo, Don Russo, Marilyn Russo, Patricia Santangelo, Joan Sedita, Shawn Sheehy, Susan Sturgeon, James Trahon, Doreen Trahon, Susan Tuttle, Lesley Visser and Richard Zembruski. Please pardon me if there are any names that have been omitted, as I am working from a list provided by the Alumni Office. • Our warm and sunny reunion concluded on Sunday with a BCAA-sponsored trip to Fenway Park, where the Red Sox showed their love for BC by beating the Angels 6-3. A highlight of the afternoon was having our classmate and reunion co-chair, Jayne Mehne, represent the Alumni Association in the pre-game ceremony on the field, while her name and picture were in lights on the Jumbo Tron. Jayne, you did us proud! • This past May (prior to the reunion), Judy Bowman, Nancy O'Sullivan, Kate Murray and I

met at the Black Rock Golf and Country Club in Hingham (Kate's house abuts the golf course and it is also the new home to Sox pitcher Tim Wakefield) for the David P. Perini, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament, which raises money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Survivors Quality of Life Clinic. It was a beautiful day, and we met many interesting people, including master of ceremonies Dick Flavin and Jimmy Fund Chairman and former Red Sox player Mike Andrews. Judy promised that next year her company would donate a class to the auction. Her company is Protocol Consultants International, which teaches business etiquette. It was a lovely evening and a great cause. • I hope you all enjoyed the warm, lazy days of summer. Before long we will be back at the Heights rooting our BC Eagles on to victory! Take care and please forward any news you may wish to share.

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We had a great time! This column is addressed to my classmates who were not able to attend our 30th reunion, held on June 3-5, 2005. I returned from Newton just last night and want you to know we missed each and every one of you! • Saturday night found the Class of 1975 on the grounds of Newton Country Day: a beautiful setting, warm breezes, great hors d'oeuvres, the sound of lots of chatter and laughter. The obligatory reunion picture was taken, with the usual "Please let me stand behind someone else." We groaned at the photographer's comments that were meant to ease us into smiles to last a lifetime. I'm sure he did his usual great job and look forward to the results! • Forty classmates attended the dinner, with a few brave husbands along for the night. In my opinion, I think everyone looked terrific. While certain topics change over the years (e.g., certainly at our 10th reunion no one was talking about hot flashes), our conversations came down to the meat of the matter: How are you? How is your family? What have you been doing since our last reunion? Simple questions but not necessarily simple answers, as we are five years older once again, and life's challenges and offerings from the "aging evolution" continue to sneak up on us. • The NCSH reunion Mass on Sunday in Trinity Chapel was lovely. This was the first one I had attended and now wonder "What was I thinking?" these reunions past to have missed it? I did find it difficult at moments to concentrate on the liturgy, because I was so moved by the solidarity represented by the women in that chapel. We all share a unique common bond, and I was tearing up at one point to think that no one else after 1975 was ever afforded that irreplaceable opportunity. It was remarkable to be among women who were in the first graduating class, as well as those in the last – our "fab" 1975 group, of course! It saddens me, too, that NCSH was only 29 years young when it merged with BC. Oh well... On Sunday, I felt very warm, comforted, special and sad all at the same time during our reunion Mass, and I am very grateful that the gracious Fr. William McInnes, SJ ('44), led us through this meaningful and poignant celebration. • On the other hand, the brunch held in our old student union following

the Mass was a fun and joyous occasion! We had the pleasure of listening to Susan Power Gallagher (NC '69), president-elect of the BC Alumni Association, share her thoughts for the growth of that organization. What a feather in Susan's cap and what an honor for NCSH. The late Dr. James Whalen would be so proud to know that a student from the NCSH community that he so deeply cared about would be designated to this post. The goals of his legacy are finally coming full circle! • Before signing off, I would ask that your prayers include the family of Susan Monahan Callahan, whose father, John, passed away the night before our reunion dinner after a short illness. • I look forward in future columns to sharing with you the comments of our classmates who attended the 30th reunion. In the meantime, I wish all my readers a warm and wonderful autumn!

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## REUNION YEAR

It is not too late to join the committee planning our 30th reunion. Some interesting events leading up to Reunion Weekend are also being formulated. The Alumni Association advises that the 30th usually sees a reduction in reunion attendance, but '76ers have been unusually loyal in the past. So, let's do it again in '06. • Andy Satter recently published, after a year's research, a study on mentoring and developing future leaders. Research involved in-depth interviews with over 30 nationally recognized business leaders as to their early experiences with a mentor. Andy has worked for 18 years as an organization development consultant and executive coach. He lives in New Paltz, NY, with his wife, Nan, and eight-year-old Max. • A member of the Reunion Planning Committee is Maelyn S. Arvedon, who is preparing for an empty nest when her kids head off to college this fall. Andrew will be a senior at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, while Amy will be a frosh at University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. Maelyn works as a certified business continuity professional for a global company, with a particular interest in fostering more effective disaster recovery and long-term planning. • It was great to hear from old roommate Richard Carlin. His oldest son, Sean, enters the BC Class of '09, which means his Massachusetts pals may get to see him on a fairly regular basis. Dick is a CPA managing partner with Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC in Jamison, PA. • Here's wishing all a healthy and happy autumn. Please take time to write! God bless!

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Terry Carbone has been appointed the Andrew W. Mellon Curator and Chair of American Art at the Brooklyn Museum. Terry is married to Robert Goldsmith, who is deputy director for administration at The Frick Collection in New York City. • Eileen McCarthy is a founding member of the Council for Women at Boston College.



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Small world department: My husband and I were walking through JFK airport recently to catch a flight to Bermuda (don't you feel sorry for me?), courtesy of his company, Merrill Lynch. At our gate he spied a number of other people who had also won this "recognition club" trip, among them a man he introduced me to from the Stamford, CT, office named Paul Ceglarski. I smiled widely and instead of the obligatory "hello-how-do-you-do," I blurted out: "BC Class of '78?" Paul replied, "'79, but my twin, Peter, was '78." Later on during that same trip, I was watching the BBC News and lo and behold caught an interview with **Nicholas Burns!** • Other class news includes a missive from Mickey (nee Jamie) **Barry** from the School of Ed, who is a sixth-grade language and social studies teacher at the Coulson Tough School in The Woodlands, TX. She reports that she just received her five-year pin from the school district and that her classes have continually been among the highest achievers statewide on the TAKS skills assessment tests. She anxiously awaits the end of her "exile and the opportunity to return to a blue state." • Returning to this column is **Glenn Kaplinsky**, who, with his wife, became a first-time parent to David Michael, born this past Mother's Day (good timing, kid!). Glenn met his wife at Seton Hall Law School, and he is presently employed as a consultant for The Intelligence Group in Bedminster, NJ. Glenn has also taught at the college/university level for the past 11 years. • So what's new with the rest of you?

'79

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Hi! **Jody O'Callaghan** spent part of last year cruising the Marquesas Islands, bound for New Zealand before hurricane season arrived. She writes that she was on a journey of self-discovery to live out her dreams and passions. She also included that she had been married twice and has raised four amazing children. She founded a holistic health center and was recognized by a California senator for her generosity to the less fortunate of her community. In her pursuit of "making a difference," she compromised her health, and she hopes that this journey will juice every cell of her body and soul to the next level of contribution in this lifetime. • **Ken Pierce** wrote to announce that he has been named vice president/president-elect of the BC Alumni Association National Board of Directors for the 2005-06 year. Ken is a partner at Monaghan, Leahy, LLP in Portland, ME, where he practices in all areas of civil litigation. He is a member of the Maine State Bar Association, Maine Trial Lawyers and Massachusetts Bar Association, and he has extensive jury trial experience in state and federal courts and with alternative dispute resolution. Ken currently resides in Cape Elizabeth, ME, and is married to Kathleen O'Connor Pierce ('80). They have two sons, Will (13) and Matty (11). • **Tim Tracey** ('81) wrote to share news of his brother, our classmate **Kevin**

**Tracey**. Kevin's first book, *Fatal Sequence: The Killer Within*, was published in March 2005, and last year a corporation he co-founded, Critical Therapeutics, went public. Kevin, who reportedly got bit by the research bug while working in labs in Devlin, is a brain surgeon, professor and published scientist (in *Nature*, *Science* and other journals). He has run a research lab for over 15 years. Kevin and his wife, Trish ('83), have four daughters: Maureen, Mary Bridget, Katherine and Margaret. • What's going on in your life?

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I would like to start my notes by thanking everyone involved in planning our silver reunion. I would also like to thank everyone who attended and helped make the weekend a blast. If you haven't come to a reunion in a while, I highly recommend making the next one. Getting together with old friends and remembering our years at the Heights is always great. Special kudos to the women from Mod 29A, who boasted perfect attendance at the 25th. • On a personal note, I had a great time on Reunion Weekend with my "brothers," **Steve Balsamo**, **Mike DiBiase** and **Tom Buckley**. We spent the day before the reunion playing something that barely resembled golf. Our play was not helped by the fact that we all figured that it was noon somewhere in the world (if you know what I mean). I made a musical retrospective of our college years for my friends, and the best activity of the weekend was deciding whether a song was good or purely nostalgic. There was some spirited debate. • Among the people I spoke to was **Tom Russo**, who still practices dentistry in Winchester. He and his wife, Cheryl (Bellissimo) Russo ('82), have a daughter who is a member of the BC Class of '08. • **Andy Skaff** is married with two children. He lives in Newburyport and is still in the print business in Seabrook, NH. • I had a nice talk with **Fred Bauer**, who lives in the Hartford, CT, area and owns three car washes and a business that sells equipment to car dealerships. His wife, **Bonnie (Bedrick) Bauer**, runs an asthma program. • **Drew Anderson** is an attorney in Portland, ME. His oldest son, Colin, will be a freshman at BC in September. • **Paul Keating** e-mailed me and theorized that we had to be one of the best Silver Eagle classes in BC history, and I would have to agree. He and Janet live in Bernardsville, NJ, with their three sons, the eldest of whom will be starting BC in the fall. He wanted me to tell you all that the "p" after his name doesn't stand for parent, it actually means poor! He still runs a charity golf tournament with **Tom Buonocore** in Franklin Lakes, NJ. This year's tourney was held on August 10. Perhaps next year a few of us could go down for the day and show off our golf prowess. • **Jacey Raimondo** graduated from law school in 1984 and worked for Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard for five years, and then as general counsel for the family construction business. She now does freelance work and is enjoying her two children. She wanted to know if **Chris Simmons** could contact her. Jacey's e-mail address is jaceyrai@aol.com. •

**Steve Daley's** oldest son just graduated from Emerson College with a degree in film studies and is moving to LA to get into the movie business. His daughter is at Fisher College, and his youngest son is at Cape Cod Academy. He spent the 25th with his wife, Sarah (LaGambina) Daley ('81), and fellow classmates **John Annese** and his wife, Maria (Lutz) Annese ('81); **Larry Casey** and his wife, **Dara (Blenderman) Casey**; and **Nancy White Street**. He and Paul Keating both reported having a great time at the after-hours party in Vanderslice Hall. • Congratulations to **Michael Wilson**, who was recently named president and CEO of State Street, Japan. He began his new job on July 1, 2005. • **Eileen (O'Brien) McLaughlin** and her husband, Dave, live in Herndon, VA, with their five-year-old daughter, Erin. She was thrilled to be at the fifth celebration of our fifth reunion. • **Scott Donaldson** lives in Chelmsford and has two children. He spoke to **Dave Losito**, who wanted me to know that he still can't believe Dibe went corporate. • I had a nice talk with **Kevin Muench**, who is still practicing dentistry in Jersey. He and his wife live in Maplewood, NJ, with their three boys. He and I were reminiscing about a Springsteen concert he went to in March 1977. I can still remember him telling me how pumped he was to be going during one of Sister White's freshman English classes. • **Mary-Beth Murray** has worked at Somerville High School as a counselor for the past 10 years. She lives in Newton with her husband and two boys. She had an album (you all remember those, right?) at the reunion that was being returned after all these years. I wonder if she has a turntable. • **Steve Barger** lives in Minnesota and has three girls. He is a clothing rep. • I saw **Mike Brescia** in the bathroom, where he was kind enough to tell me that he is a cosmetic surgeon in Princeton, NJ. He hasn't changed one bit, which in his case is a good thing. • **Liz (Cox) Iacobucci** lives in Quincy. She has the distinction of having graduated from high school and college with yours truly. Let's hope the woman isn't scarred for life. • **Paul Piontkowski** is married with four children. He has invented a surgical microscope and started MicroVision Technologies with **Tom Butler**. • **Mike Dillon** has four children, including one daughter who lived in Roncalli last year. I am sure he and a lot of us who lived there are glad that the walls can't talk. He develops hotels and lives in Buffalo, NY. • That is all I have for now. I will hunt down all of you who promised to e-mail me for information for the next issue.

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## REUNION YEAR

**Paul Chenette** and his wife, Sylvette, enjoy splitting travel time between Annapolis, MD, where their son Dennis is a 2nd class midshipman (junior) at the US Naval Academy, and Newport, RI, where their daughter Cara is a sophomore nursing student at Salve Regina University. Paul reports that they look forward to the few opportunities they have to be together as a family. They continue to live in southern New Hampshire and



are avid supporters of BC hockey. • **Barbara Kasowitz Allen** lives with her husband, Fred, and their two teenage daughters in Princeton Junction, NJ. Barbara works in the Marketing and Public Affairs Department of the University Medical Center at Princeton, part of the Princeton HealthCare System. As auxiliary liaison, she works very closely with hospital administration and community volunteers, who fund-raise as well as friend-raise to benefit the hospital. The auxiliary events raise hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. Funds raised from 2003 to 2005 are designated for the establishment of UMCP's Breast Health Center. Barbara can be reached at 4barb@comcast.net. • **Lisa (Gabriel '80)** and **Tim O'Donnell** live in Chatham, NJ. Their son **Brendan (17)** is headed to Roanoke College in Virginia, where he plans to play baseball and study hard (like his dad did). They also have a 14-year-old son, who will be a high school sophomore this fall. Tim is an executive vice president for ACE USA in New York City. Tim writes that "life is good." • **Bill Scala** and his family are the proprietors of a charming colonial inn, The Elms Inn, in Ridgefield, CT, which was built in 1799. • **Domenic D'Intino** is still in New Hampshire working for Electronic Data Systems as a project manager. Domenic and his wife, Karen, have lived in Hollis for five years with their two children, Matthew and Danielle. They love the small town, rural community there. Domenic coaches baseball and basketball for his son's teams and ran his 22nd Boston Marathon in April! He loves running by BC and the kids there: "It brings back a lot of good memories." Domenic sends his best regards to all of his Mod 3A roommates. • **Richard Redmond** was recently elected to The Nature Conservancy of New Jersey Board of Trustees. Richard, who received his MBA from New York University, has been a managing director at Lehman Brothers and currently works for Caspian Capital Management. • **Beth Reiss Barbagallo** and **Marie Harrigan Lennon** are founding members of the Council for Women at Boston College. • I'm still waiting for a complete report on the October golf reunion on Nantucket last year. **Mike Connolly** hosted a group that included **Joe Harkins**, **John Graham**, **Greg Clower**, **Peter Hoyt**, **Bob Cucuel**, **Jim Reilly**, **JT Fucigna**, **Greg Bowerman**, **Tim O'Donnell**, **Jim Gorga**, **Gary Raymond**, **Chris Kennedy**, **Brett Kellam** and **John Lucke**, with "winds a-whipping, but with the laughter ceaseless." • Our oldest child, **Alli**, is off to the University of Virginia this fall (my husband's and my law school alma mater). The years have flown by just as our elders predicted they would! I am in the process of making plans to venture up to Boston for the BC/UVA football game on October 8, 2005. A number of UVA football fans are looking forward to visiting the Heights to welcome the Eagles into the ACC. Should be fun!

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I hope you all enjoyed your summer. Thanks to those of you who took a few minutes to e-mail or send a note. Keep it up! • Congratulations to roomie **Bruce Pearl** on being named head men's basketball coach at the University of Tennessee.

Several of you e-mailed me to ask if that was "our" Bruce Pearl. The answer is yes! • Speaking of Mod 40A, it was great hearing from one-sixth of the other half of the Mod – **Ginny (Phillips) Ertl**. She and her husband, Frank, live in Stamford, CT, with their three children, **Julie (12)**, **Joe (9)** and **Jack (4)**. Ginny is the global training leader for GE Consumer Finance. She stays in touch with her roommates via the Christmas card route, so how about some e-mails, ladies? The Seeds are waiting to hear from you! • **Charlie Busa** sent me a copy of an article about **Karen (Kelly) Kiefer** and her new grassroots group, Spread the Bread. Karen and her friend distribute home-baked bread to food banks, shelters, nursing homes, and fire and police stations. Karen, Sam and their family live in Wayland. • A fun weekend ski trip resulted in a black eye for **Cindi Bigelow**, thanks to **Jill Stein Vaccaro's** ski pole. My guess is **Diane Johnson Green** enjoyed every second of it during their weekend excursion to Vermont. • **Laurie (Prescott) Anton** wrote for the first time in 23 years (good thing I wasn't holding my breath!) and shared a lot of news. She and her husband, Warren, live in northern Virginia with their 15-year-old son, Brian. After 15 years in management at Verizon, Laurie has accepted a new "calling" (sorry, I couldn't resist) as a stay-at-home mom, a job with great benefits. She stays in touch with a lot of her BC friends and has had get-togethers with **Kathy (Klein) Bechtel**, **Bridget Chase**, **Susan (Lapierre) Landry**, **Ellen (Keenan) Marshall**, **Yolanda Nunley** and **Lisa (Bernat) Rosenfeld**, who recently gave birth to her first child, William. But it's not always just "Girls' Night Out." They've also gotten together for a *Big Chill* weekend with **Kurt Therrien**, **John Gonet**, **Jack Hurley** and **Kevin Pfau ('81)**. **Geoff Townsend** couldn't make it from Canada, but he was there in spirit. Other gatherings have drawn classmates **Marc Pinard** and **Chris Cowan**. Laurie has also stayed in touch with **John Cooper** and **Kevin Jez** and recently connected with **Leo Smith** as well. And as happy as she was to see former roommate **Nancy (Beck) Caggia** at our 20th reunion, Laurie wants to know what **Kathy King** has been up to all these years. Write to us, Kathy. I think you're the only classmate Laurie hasn't seen lately! • **Kerri (Wilson) Casey** is another one we hadn't heard from in decades. She's in Minneapolis as the financial operations manager for a Web design firm. In her spare time, she's pursuing a master's degree in traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture (she credits Professor Soo's Chinese Philosophy class at BC for that one!). **Kerri** and **Joe ('81)** have three children: **Caitlin**, **Allison** and **Matt**. I haven't heard from **Kerri's** former roommate, **Rhonda Hershman**, in years. And after all the time we spent at **Sammy White's Brighton Bowl** for our Personal Skills in Individual Sports class! • Speaking of Caseys, **Jeanne Casey** got married to **Bruce Miller** on Nantucket. **Peggy Rice Hoyt** sent along the news of the wedding, which was also attended by **Morzi Degnan**, **Beth O'Byrne** and **Liz Carty**. My ears were burning that day, ladies. Would I be correct in assuming that there was some discussion about the infamous dinner with **John Bagley**? • **Judy Preston Grayhack** chimed in from Pittsburgh, where she and Bill live with their four children: **Sean**, **Clara**, **Adam** and **Erin**.

**Judy** had been teaching at the University of Pittsburgh but is now looking for an exciting new challenge. Maybe she'll become an alumni class correspondent. The benefits are fantastic! **Judy** can start by reconnecting with her former (not old!) roommates, **Beth Cavanna Kinsley**, **Liz Foley Bayer**, **Lori Penniman Smith**, **Sue Ryan DeBrisco** and **Lauren Mineo Tse**. **Judy's** e-mail address is grayhack@adelphia.net. And don't forget to e-mail me, too, to let me know what you've been up to. • **Ralph Scaduto** played the role of proud papa, writing in to say that his son, **Eric**, just graduated from BC. **Ralph** lives in Georgetown and has two other children, **Kristin (20)** and **Mikayla (13)**. **Ralph** is a manufacturing engineering manager at Millipore in Danvers. He somewhat fondly remembers all those long climbs up Higgins stairs every morning. Who doesn't remember those?! He also wants to hear from **Mark Barrett**, **John** and **Mike Cagno**, **Kevin Kecskes**, **Medea Littlefield**, **Susan Gallagher** and **Annemarie Andrews ('83)**. • **Gina (Miller) Prindle** also has something to be proud of – her recent PhD in education from the University of Idaho. She teaches nursing at North Idaho College and wants her BC Rugby friends to know that her daughter is playing rugby at the University of Maine. • Congrats to **Julie (Rao) Martin** on her new business, Create-A-Stir. It's a really innovative way to personalize your candle or tea purchases, either for yourself or for gifts. She also runs Create-A-Stir birthday parties, wedding showers and more. Her Website is both fun and informative. Check it out at [www.create-a-stir.com](http://www.create-a-stir.com). You can e-mail Julie through the Website or call her at 978-499-STIR (7847). • Finally, please join me in saying a heartfelt "thank-you" to our classmate and friend, and my colleague, **Grace Cotter Regan**, who has stepped down after five years as executive director of our Alumni Association. **Grace** is a true professional, who took a great organization and made it even better. As she pursues her longtime dream of getting a master's degree at BC's Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, she more importantly will be able to spend more time with her family. That's the best job of all. Godspeed, friend. • Thanks for all the news... keep the updates coming!

'83

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I hope everyone had a great summer and will let Class Notes know all about your summer adventures. • **Alex Kodiath** and his nonprofit organization, Samarpan, have been instrumental in helping tsunami survivors in his native India. The Kodiaths have been assisting the region with medical aid for almost 15 years, and in the wake of the tsunamis, **Alex** has funded a well to supply fresh water, arranged public kitchens for communal use, and funded the purchase of food-stuffs and other necessities. **Alex** is also expanding the medical center that his family built through Samarpan. For more information, visit [www.samarpan.us](http://www.samarpan.us). • **Ann (Grady) Adorn** served as co-chair for the 17th annual Second Helping Gala. In 1989, she helped start this wonderful event, which raises over \$100,000 each year to



benefit the Greater Boston Food Bank. Also, Ann is a stay-at-home mother of two: Daniel (12) and Meaghan (8). Presently, Frank, Danny, Meaghan and Ann reside in Walpole. • **Wendy J. Murphy** recently heard from **Kathy (Mottolese) Brode**, who is doing well with her husband and two busy sports-loving boys. Wendy lives in the Boston area with her husband, a plaintiff class action lawyer, and five children (ages 16 to 3). Wendy is wondering how her Mod 39B roommates are doing – **Kathy Babb**, **Lyda Rojas**, **Kashya Mahmood**, **Allison Ettinger** and **Cheryl Cronin**. She also wants to hear from **Gina Bough**, **Pam Popp**, **Dave Sengstaken** and **Tom Sheridan**, as well as **Liz**, **Cindy** and the other women from **Hillside B63**. Wendy is currently an attorney working as an on-air legal analyst for CBS News. She also does legal analysis for other networks including CNN, MSNBC and Court TV, and especially enjoys teaching **Bill O'Reilly** a thing or two on Fox News. Wendy practices law in Boston, where she specializes in the representation of women, children and victims of violence. She teaches a seminar on sexual violence at the New England School of Law in Boston, where she served as the **Mary Joe Frug Visiting Professor of Law** in 2002, followed by a year as a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School, where her work focused on the status of women in the criminal justice system. Wendy publishes and lectures widely on women's, children's and victims' rights, and as an activist she enjoys generating impact litigation designed to improve the law's effectiveness as a deterrent of violence against women and children. • **Sandie (Visconte) Powers** says hello to roomies **Chris**, **Michelle**, **Donna**, **Nancy** and **Karen**, as well as fellow partners-in-crime **Hack**, **Joe Vig**, **Fitz**, **Kevin**, **Big Dave Fitton**, and anyone else her 40+-year-old brain may have forgotten. She writes: "I cannot believe it's been 22 years since graduation. It feels like yesterday when we were hanging out in the Mods, saying tearful goodbyes, the strains of *Men At Work* blaring out the windows. I find it hard to listen to that album without being flooded with memories of those last days of college. I am working as the director of marketing for a Northwestern Mutual agency in Massachusetts. I've been married to **Ken** for the last 21 years. Our son **Kenny** is graduating from high school in 2006, and we have two daughters, **Shayna** and **Kiera**, entering the sixth and seventh grades. I would love to get an e-mail chain going to catch up with everyone. It's been so long... I can be reached at [shehastowski@hotmail.com](mailto:shehastowski@hotmail.com) or [sandie.powers@nmfn.com](mailto:sandie.powers@nmfn.com)." • **Rich Considine** is relocating from Lincoln Park in Chicago to Boston for JPMorgan. He is moving to Cohasset and will be working in municipal finance at Rowes Wharf. Rich is looking forward to reconnecting with some old friends, and maybe welcoming some others back to Massachusetts. He heard that **Bob Mucci** might be coming back from exile in Florida. **Dan Hegarty** just moved to Chicago from Toronto to assume massive responsibility at Kraft. **Mary Frances Greene** is a principal at a fabulous school on the North Shore. **Jim Kotz** is working 24/7 trading commodities and running his successful legal practice, and **Joe "Bluto" Pelletiere** is doing stand-up and making many, many people laugh.

'84

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Hope you enjoyed the summer. The spring here in the Northeast was cold and wet. It seems we waited a long time for the warmer weather to finally arrive. Unfortunately, I did not receive any letters or e-mails since the last column. I hope you will take the time to write for the next edition. You can e-mail me or the Alumni Association or send a letter. Let's not let our classmates miss out on the interesting aspects of your life.

'85

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Congratulations! It has now been 20 years since we graduated! I do hope that everyone who was fortunate enough to attend the reunion in June had an awesome time. We had a terrific turnout for our evening event, and it was great fun to catch up with long-lost friends. • **Brian Stansky** is a managing director at Integral Capital Partners, an investment firm based in Baltimore that invests in information technology and life sciences companies. • **Julie Porzio**, an attorney in Waterbury, CT, was seriously wounded in a shooting outside the Middletown Superior Courthouse in June 2005. She is recovering and has been touched by the outpouring of support and assistance from people across the state. • Our class suffered a terrible loss with the death of **Mary Parry Nagle** in April 2005. Mary was killed in her New City, NY, home in a horrible crime. Mary was a devoted mother, competitive tennis player and unofficial tutor to her nieces and nephews. Mary graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's in communications, including a concentration in marketing, and received her master's in finance and marketing from Columbia Business School in 1992. At Boston College, she was selected to the Order of the Cross and the Crown Honor Society; at Columbia, she was selected to the Hermes Honor Society. At the time of her death, Mary was on a month sabbatical from the leasing division of Volvo Car Finance North America in Rockleigh, NJ, where she was director of marketing, a job she had held since 1997. Mary left behind her husband, **Daniel Nagle**, and her two children, **Christopher** and **Erin**. • I have not received much news lately, so please take a moment and write me a note. I hope that my next column will include lots of terrific reunion stories, so please send them my way!

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## REUNION YEAR

Congratulations to **Steve Rosa**, president and chief creative officer for advertising at Advertising Ventures, a full-service ad agency in Providence, who was recently awarded a National Multicultural Business Award. This award recognizes the most successful diversity-owned busi-

nesses in the nation. • Congratulations also to our friends **Patty** and **Mark Dacey** on the birth of their daughter, **Deven Fitzpatrick**, on May 5, 2005! **Deven** joins big brother **Greg**. The family lives in Weston. **Mark** is a retina surgeon with a practice in Boston and the surrounding suburbs. Can't wait to meet the newest addition, **Mark** and **Patty**! • That's all the news! Remember, our 20th reunion will be here before you know it! Make plans with old friends to get back to the Heights next spring!

'87

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Hi. I hope you're all well. I heard from **Patrice MacPherson**, who got married on January 1, 2005, in New Jersey to **Chris Merryman**. They live in Barcelona, Spain, where **Patrice** works as a history/philosophy teacher at the Benjamin Franklin International School. • I also heard from **Mindy Casavant Bernard**, who wrote about a 40th birthday trip to St. Kitts with the "girls from Gerald Road" — that is, **Nan Battles Reap**, **Elsie Nolan Flaherty**, **Sarah Andrews Finitz**, **Ali Clasby Harke** and, of course, **Mindy**. I hope you had a great time! • **Jeanne Higgins** wrote with news of a three-night cruise from Miami to the Bahamas with some classmates to celebrate their upcoming 40th birthdays. Sailing the high seas with her were **Judy Vogtle Graham**, **Monica Geary Steeves**, **Linda Czyryca Shea**, **Terry Sullivan Montminy**, **Mary Ronan Kelley** and **Claudia Morris** (who flew in from California for the trip). A great time was had by all, and the group has a much better attitude towards turning 40 now! • **Robert D. Fatovic** (Law '90) was recently named executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Ryder System, Inc. Prior to this appointment, he served as senior vice president, US supply chain operation, high-tech and consumer industries, where he was responsible for the company's US-based supply chain operations. **Robert** joined Ryder in 1994 as assistant division counsel and held several positions of increasing responsibility in the law department. • **Julie Thompson** was named executive vice president of Leo Burnett Worldwide. She has been responsible for managing Burnett's reputation since joining the agency as senior vice president/corporate affairs director in May 2002, overseeing a global network of public relations professionals and working closely with the agency's worldwide management team. In June 2004, she was named to the US board of directors. Previously, **Julie** was corporate communications director for Fallon Worldwide, where she managed all external and internal corporate communications for the agency. • I also heard from **Carolyn Dooley Keating**, who attended the Miami Chapter meeting at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel overlooking Biscayne Bay on May 12, 2005. A fabulous time was had by all — and she says it was great to be surrounded by Eagles instead of Miami Hurricanes fans, for a change! She has been writing for *Skylights* magazine, which is the in-flight magazine for Spirit Airlines, as well as editing for the 2005 *Fodor's Guide to Miami and Miami Beach*. She'd be happy to dispense free travel tips for South Beach and other Miami hot spots to any visiting Eagles! She currently lives in



South Miami with her husband, Robert, and their seven-year-old daughter, Erin. She would love to find more Class of '87 folks in the Miami area – please e-mail her at [inkqueen@msn.com](mailto:inkqueen@msn.com). • Thanks to all those who wrote! Have a great fall!

'88

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**Brian Sloan**, known for his excellence in film-making, is branching out into the publishing world. His first novel, published by Simon & Schuster in June 2005, is called *A Really Nice Prom Mess*. Full details are available at [www.briansloan.com](http://www.briansloan.com), but it seems from the title that somebody was paying attention to those “formals” held in romantic McElroy Dining Hall. Well done, Brian! • **Anne (Rath) Lewis** wrote to say that she and husband Tom had their fifth child, Virginia McClelland, on March 2, 2005. Their other children are Zach, Ava (deceased), Evelyn and Henry. She also would love to hear from **John Clifford** (still in SF, John?), Carolyn, Patty, Bridget, Kerry, Judith and Suzie (I hope you know who you are!). Anne adds that she loves reading the Class Notes, no doubt due to the superb writing. • **Aleks Totic**, a California resident since 1994, was married in January 2005 in San Francisco. Fellow '88er **Mike Teeling** was best man. Congrats, Aleks!

'89

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Greetings, classmates! I hope you all enjoyed the summer months. Thanks again for the updates this quarter, and I hope to continue to hear from many of you as the year continues. As I write this column, I am celebrating my recent graduation from a one-year master's program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. The year really flew – and I must admit it was a little thrilling to put on a cap and gown once again, 16 years after getting my BA at BC. The associate dean at JFK is a BC grad (Triple Eagle) who is well loved by all of the students here (no surprise). He was my first handshake as we waited to get our degrees. I saw him afterward at lunch and told him that although this was a nice ceremony, BC was definitely still first in my heart. He readily replied, “Me too, me too,” which of course endeared him to me even more. I am not sure what is next, but my e-mail address will remain the same, so be sure to keep the updates coming! • **Victor and Brenda (McDonough) Mercurio** have been married for the past nine years and have two children: Mia (6) and Sophia (3). Brenda is an attorney with Palmer & Dodge LLP in Boston, and Victor is director of secondary education for the Warwick Public Schools in Rhode Island. Victor is currently back at BC part-time pursuing a doctoral degree in education administration. • **Leila (Habra) Miller** writes that she met her husband, Dean Miller, in Washington, DC, while she was studying at American University in the Washington Semester Program. They were married in July 1990, and in October 2004 they celebrated the birth of their sixth child, John David! He joins his very excited and loving siblings, Cecily (13), Eric (12), Priscilla (10), Paul (7) and Mark (4). • **Denise**

**(Harrington) Gingola** and her husband, Nick, celebrated the birth of their second son, Ryan Gingola, on September 17, 2004. Ryan joins big brother Nicky, now two years old. Denise and Nick moved to Milton to accommodate the growing family – two kids in two years and a house, that's time management! They were unable to attend the 15th reunion due to the pregnancy. Denise loves being a stay-at-home mom, and her nursing skills come in handy. Nick is still director of sales, Northeast region, for a leading gasoline company. Is anyone else thinking of moving to Florida? They hate the snow! • **Ileana M. Almeida** and her husband, Richard Petrovich, were recently blessed with a baby girl: Arden Maria. They reside in Fort Lauderdale, FL, where Ileana has her own law practice specializing in criminal defense and family law. Ileana was recently appointed to the Judicial Nomination Commission in Broward County by Governor Jeb Bush. She was also sworn in as the president of the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association. Ileana is sure to keep in touch with fellow classmates **Dianne (Jurgen) Bourque**, **Regine Metellus** and **Ken Dion**. You can contact Ileana at [ileanalaw@aol.com](mailto:ileanalaw@aol.com). • **Sally Driscoll** is a founding member of the Council for Women at Boston College. • **Christopher Gasset** was recently named senior vice president and general counsel of Match.com, the online personals and dating Website, based near Dallas, TX. Chris is in the process of relocating from Florida, where he was assistant general counsel at the Home Shopping Network. Congrats, Chris.

'90

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It was so great seeing those of you who attended the reunion! There were a few more grey hairs (and in some cases, just less hair in general!), but I have to say overall everyone looked terrific! I really enjoyed catching up at the reunion, but I hate to rely on my memory for these notes, so please e-mail me your news so I can include it here! • Among my buddies who made it were **Rita Rodin**, who lives in Manhattan and is a partner with the law firm of Skadden, Arps; **Brian Hammer**, who is doing his postdoctoral work in microbiology at Princeton University; **Mike Kavney**, who has returned to the Atlanta area and works for Sabre out of his Smyrna home when he's not playing Texas Hold-'Em; **Ken Forton** and his wife, Jessica, who hosted a lovely brunch at their home in Roslindale during Reunion Weekend (Ken is an attorney and represents the City of Boston in civil litigation; Jessica teaches high school English); **Patrick Langhenry** and his wife, Raissa Wu, who own a home in Sunnyside, Queens (Pat is an attorney for Legal Aid in Brooklyn and represents tenants in legal matters pertaining to their apartment buildings; Raissa is a pediatric nurse-practitioner

at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan); **Rick and Susie (Mullarkey) Iovanne**; **Kevin and Chris (Conry) Flynn**; and **Missy (Campbell) Reid** and her husband, Scott. • **Paul Edmondson** works for Procter & Gamble and lives in the Cincinnati area. • **Andrea (Paul) Melo** and her husband, Kevin, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Morgan Eliza, on September 22, 2004. Andrea is in her fourth year teaching English to eighth graders and has completed her master's in English. • **Tom and Mary Anne (Stewart) Gagne** welcomed their second child, Andrew Walter, on October 26, 2004. Emma (3) loves her new brother. Tom is now working as a math teacher at Boston College High School in Dorchester, and Mary Anne is a full-time mom and loves it. The Gagnes live in Marshfield. • **Michael Sullivan** married Mackenzie Meegel in Newport Beach, CA, over Thanksgiving weekend in 2004. Michael is the vice president of asset management for Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. • **Frank Doogan** married his fiancée, Colleen, on June 18, 2004. The wedding was well attended by Boston College alumni, two of whom were in the wedding party: Dennis Doogan ('59), who was the best man, and John D. Jones ('91), who was one of the groomsmen. Colleen and Frank welcomed the birth of their son, Conor Dougherty, on April 4, 2005. • **Michael Baroni** was recent profiled in the *National Law Journal* as the chief legal counsel for BSH Home Appliances. • **Donna Morrissey** was appointed divisional director of public relations and corporate affairs for the Northeast division of the American Red Cross Blood Services. Prior to joining the American Red Cross in 2003, Donna was the chief spokesperson for the Archdiocese of Boston. • Last May, **Melissa Hennessy** married Scott Leibs in Vermont. Their son, Aidan Henry, was born on March 4, 2005. Scott is an editor for *CFO Magazine* in Boston, and Melissa is working part-time as the manager of training and communications with the Massachusetts Medical Society in Waltham; she's been with the MMS for the past 10 years. The Leibs live in Grafton. • **Fran Forte** finally tied the knot and married Janna Martinelli (ND Class of '92) in a fall wedding in Philadelphia. Given the “mixed marriage,” game day is a bit intense in the Forte household! The best man was **Bob Mascioli**. In the wedding party were **Don Ritucci**, **Chris Marino**, **Rick Sousa**, **Matt Shea**, **Chris Foley**, **Joe Hepp**, **Joe Hilger**, **Willie Gartner**, **Mike Pimental**, **Rick Kwak** ('92) and **John Martyn** ('93). In attendance at the wedding were **Tony Di Paola** ('94), **Linda Di Paola Esquivel** ('98), **Andrew DiPaola** ('04), **Brian Napoli** ('02), **Mike Mendoza**, **Leila Nimatallah**, **Dina Nimatallah-Martyn** ('93), **Claire McGrath**, **Gretchen Zima Castillo**, **Laura Shubilla**, **Dyan Furey**, **Johanna Pimental** ('91), **Christine Gill** ('93), **Tom Gill** ('94), **Chris Gill** ('98), **Brendan Conway**, **Paco Bruno**, **Liesl Angeles Hepp**, **Gerilyn Gonyo Smith**, **Barbara Weir Foley**, **Brian Kelly** ('95) and **Molly Kelly** ('95). In total, 35 BC alums attended the nuptials! Fran works for Microsoft Corporation in Philadelphia. • **Bob Mascioli** is a corporate attorney in a firm in suburban Philadelphia called McCausland, Keen & Buckman. He lives with his fiancée, Catherine James, a 1993 Tufts graduate, in Ardmore, PA. Bob and Catherine met last April in New York at a birthday party for **Don Ritucci**, who is living in the Murray Hill area of Manhattan



and building a very successful career in investment banking at UBS. • Captain David S. Connolly ('94), US Army Reserve, was killed in action in Afghanistan on April 6, 2005. While David was not a classmate of ours, a great majority of his friends were from the Class of 1990. More than 30 members of the Class of '90 attended David's funeral at St. Ignatius. David's late mother and several of his siblings are also BC graduates. David was a Suffolk County assistant district attorney in Massachusetts. When his Army Reserve unit was activated, David pursued a position working with the Seventh Special Forces (an elite fighting force) in Afghanistan. David was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star. Donations may be made in his memory to the ROTC Memorial Fund, in care of the Boston College Development Office, More Hall, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

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## REUNION YEAR

I begin these Class Notes on a personal note. My husband, Stephen, and I welcomed our second child, Patrick Joseph, to the family on April 29, 2005. He joins his big brother, Tyler, who turned three in July. We are enjoying the boys and are incredibly busy, but that's nothing new. Now, on to the news from our class. • My former roommate and good friend, **Maryanne Brennan Dillon**, and husband Tom welcomed a little girl to their family in July 2004. Maggie joins big brother Tommy (4) and is a wonderful addition to the Dillon family. Maryanne is still living in Ramsey, NJ. • **Kelly Biby Morales** wrote in with news of what she has been up to since we graduated. Kelly married her husband, Victor, in 1994. He is from Madrid, where they met while Kelly was teaching English. Kelly and Victor live in Los Angeles with their two daughters, Ciara (3) and Luna (8 months). Kelly is currently working for a small school district as a curriculum specialist and has been doing some consulting on the side. • Congratulations also to **Desmond P. FitzGerald** and **Gloria I. Lara**, who welcomed their first child, Desmond Oliver, on December 16, 2004. Congratulations to **Andrew Perini** and his wife, Anchala, who had their second child, Roman Joseph, on November 14, 2004. • **Ellen (Flynn) Kelley** and her husband, Jim, celebrated the birth of their fourth child on March 6, 2005. Annie Catherine was welcomed home by big brothers Jimmy (4) and Frankie (3) and by big sister Caroline (2). • **Bryan Freeman** is a lawyer, practicing in Cleveland, OH, and has just formed a partnership, Dickson, Campbell & Freeman, LLC. • **Sean "Sumo" Salene** wrote in from East Africa, where he is a Marine pilot, currently deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom with the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. Sean shared that he has received a medal for heroism from the President of the United States, for his act during a training accident at Gadoria Range, Djibouti, on June 22, 2003. Sean joined two fellow Marines in rescuing numerous Marines injured in this incident. We are blessed to have people like Sean protecting us each and

every day. • **Pat McDermott** wrote with news of what he has been up to for the past few years. Back in 2001, Pat decided to end his six-year (three-term) service on the Quincy City Council to start up a law practice. Not long afterward, he was elected to a six-year term as the Norfolk County Register of Probate (aka the clerk magistrate of the Probate & Family Court). In 2002, Pat and his wife, Tracy, welcomed a daughter, Alana, to their family, and last year, little Adam joined the clan. This year Pat planned to participate in his 14th Pan-Mass Challenge, a 192-mile bike-a-thon to raise awareness and funds for the Jimmy Fund of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, riding along with fellow classmate **Kate (McMorran) Leavey** (married to Steve). For more information, visit Pat's profile page at [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org) or e-mail him at [patrick.mcdermott.91@bc.edu](mailto:patrick.mcdermott.91@bc.edu). • After two years in Vermont, **Alicemarie Hand** and **Jonathan Mulrooney** have returned to Boston, and in January they welcomed the birth of their daughter, Grace Austen. Jonathan is an English professor at the College of the Holy Cross, and Alicemarie is a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers. • **David O'Neill** is the head coach of the University of California at Berkeley women's rowing team. Congratulations to Dave and Cal for winning their first-ever NCAA Division I Championship. Dave was also recognized as the regional coach of the year. He is in his seventh season at Cal. • Congratulations also to **Lynn Page Flaherty** and her husband, Sean, as they welcomed John Patrick on April 10, 2005. His cousins (**Debi's** girls), Caitlin (4) and Bridget (2), are very impressed with "Baby Jack Jack" and his ability to turn into a fiery monster, just like the baby in *The Incredibles!* • **Ronise Jean-Charles** and her husband, Bill Murray (GA&S '92), were married in October 1993 and reside in Rockville, MD. They have five children: Rachel (10), Niall (6), Siobhan (5), Deirdre (3) and Corinne (2). Bill is self-employed as a consultant and writer, and Ronise is home full time, homeschooling two of their children. • **Shaun McNamara** and his wife, Carrie ('88), are living in Alexandria, VA, with their two children, Katelyn (5) and Brian (3). Shaun joined Grant Thornton's Global Public Sector practice in 2004 and is currently supporting NASA on financial management-related efforts. Shaun remains busy coaching soccer, traveling and enjoying parenthood. • The plans for our 15th reunion are already under way. Anyone interested in getting involved can e-mail Lynn Page Flaherty at [sflaherty86@comcast.net](mailto:sflaherty86@comcast.net). Please be sure that your e-mail address with the Alumni Association is current so you can receive all the information as it becomes available. Check the Alumni Association Website at [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni).

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**Katherine McCollough Yzaguirre** is an attorney in private practice in Houston, TX, where she specializes in securities arbitration and litigation. She was recently elected president of the Association of Women Attorneys. Her husband, Mark, is an attorney with the Office of the

General Counsel at the University of Houston, and they are the proud parents of a new baby daughter, Elizabeth. • **Lynn Tanksley** is alive and well in Dallas, TX, where she lives with her husband, Michael Alves, and their daughter, Phoebe Monteen, born in April. Lynn works as a principal software engineer for a telecommunications equipment manufacturer, and Michael is taking a leave of absence from teaching high school English to stay home with Phoebe. He keeps himself sane and involved in the adult world by playing bass in the Irving (TX) Symphony Orchestra and his Elvis Costello tribute band. Lynn recently visited Boston and caught up with classmate **Serge Georges**. Lynn can be reached at [lynn@tanksleyalves.com](mailto:lynn@tanksleyalves.com). • **Juan Giachino** is married to **Nayomi Omura**. They have two children, Michael (2) and Malia (8 weeks). Juan practices in Stuart, FL, as a plastic surgeon, and Nayomi practices dermatology. • **Donna Volpe Strouse** and husband Jim welcomed their second son, Cameron, about six months ago. He joined his older brother, Evan, who is three and a half years old. Donna has been working at Wellesley College for five years now, as the operations manager for information services. She works half-time, so she's able to spend a lot of time with the boys. The family lives in Ashland, across the street from Hopkinton State Park, so they spend many weekends hiking, canoeing and snowshoeing. Donna is hoping to begin work soon on the second edition of her book, *Choosing a Psychotherapist: A Guide to Navigating the Mental Health Maze* (2002, co-authored with Dr. Matt Zimmerman). • **Josh McIntyre** and **Heather Mazzeo** were married on January 17, 2004, in Newton. **Sharon (Kelly) Mahoney** was the maid of honor, and **Paul Deeley** was a groomsman. Other BC alums who attended were **Sue (O'Brien) Deeley**, Chad ('94) and **Christine (Venezia) Vella**, **Tim Smyth** and his wife, Gina, **Mark Casey** and his wife, Laura, **Jim and Hillary (Roscoe) Singer** and **Mike Shoule**. Josh and Heather currently live in Massachusetts. Heather has been working at Reebok for the past two years in information technology, and Josh is a graduate student at the University of New Hampshire in natural resource conservation. • **Judy Y. Huang** is the founder and president of 889 Global Solutions Ltd., which is headquartered in the United States with five Chinese partners in Tianjin, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Beijing. The advisory consulting firm assists companies in developing and implementing profitable strategies. These strategies may include reducing costs through global sourcing and importing from China or increasing sales to China. Judy can be reached at [judy@lewis@columbus.rr.com](mailto:judy@lewis@columbus.rr.com). • **Ingrid Chiemi** wrote in with news about her career as a folk musician. She recently released her second CD, *Living on Two Coasts*, and when not performing keeps busy practicing law at Burns & Levinson LLP in Boston. Check out [www.chiemimusic.com](http://www.chiemimusic.com) for more details. • I recently enjoyed a cup of Starbucks coffee with **Cynthia Nerangis**, who was in New York City for her graduation ceremony from New York University. Cynthia obtained her master of arts in international education and now lives in Chicago. You can reach Cynthia at [ccn208@nyu.edu](mailto:ccn208@nyu.edu).



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After several years in Washington, DC, and a recent stint on Capitol Hill, working as the communications director for Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez (D-NY) and the House Small Business Committee, **Wendy Belzer** moved to Ellicott City, MD, for a new job opportunity. She is special assistant to the president at Goucher College in Baltimore. Her e-mail address is wbelzer@goucher.edu for anyone who wants to get in touch. • **Maura Kelly** married Bob Lannan on June 5, 2004, at St. Theresa's Church in Trumbull, CT. They honeymooned to South Africa, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Maura and Bob live in Chicago, where Maura is a reporter covering state government and politics for the Associated Press, and Bob is a lawyer specializing in bankruptcy and commercial litigation at Greenberg Traurig, LLP. • **Dan and Amy (Jutras) McGinn** watched the Red Sox World Series victory from the delivery room before welcoming their third child, Thomas William. Thomas lives in Westborough with older siblings Abby and Jack. • **Tony Schiavo** and wife Rachel gave birth to their third child, Bernadette Virginia, on December 13, 2004. She was eagerly greeted at home by brother Anthony (2) and sister Helen (1). Tony is currently working as the marketing manager for Jessica Kingsley Publishers' North American office in Pennsylvania, as well as running his own company, Arx Publishing, LLC (www.arxpub.com). In 2004, he received his first publishing credit as editor of the books *Iroquois Wars I and II*, and had an article published in *Catholic Men's Quarterly* on Charles Huault de Montmagny, the second governor of New France. • **Kelly (Wild) Lilly** and husband Patrick welcomed their first child, Sarah Ruth, on February 23, 2005. Kelly has been working for 10 years as an elementary special education teacher in the Fairfield Public School System in Connecticut. • Baby Meredith Cecily was welcomed by **Michael Garnsey** and family on February 22, 2005, and everyone is doing fine. Mike took a few weeks off from the sheriff's department to stay home and help out around the house. • **Liz Steinle Salamone** and husband Frank welcomed their first child, Nicholas Frank, on December 14, 2004. They moved back home to Rochester, NY, last July. Liz is doing actuarial work part-time for her former employer outside Cincinnati (telecommuting), and her husband is an otolaryngologist. • **Tammy Marshall Shea** and husband Andy ('92) welcomed second child Stella in December 2004. Stella joins big sister Ellie (2). The Sheas reside in the DC area, where Tammy is director of communications at Discovery in Silver Spring. • After graduation, **Andrea (Camelio) Waldt** moved to Maryland to work at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She obtained a master's degree in health administration from Towson University and is currently working as a RN organ transplant coordinator at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She married Patrick Waldt, a native Baltimorean, in October 2001 in Boston. On June 1, 2004, they had a little girl, Madeline Elizabeth. Now that BC has joined the ACC, Madeline is going to have a tough time deciding whether to go to BC or UMaryland (dad's

alma mater). However, we all know that the eagle is by far a better mascot than a terrapin any day! What's a terrapin anyway? • **Patrick Laundry** (CGSOM '02) has been promoted to vice president/senior finance manager of consumer operations at Citizens Bank. Pat most recently was an assistant vice president in vendor management. He joined Citizens in 2001 as an assistant vice president of product management in corporate cash management. He is a certified treasury professional with the Association for Financial Professionals and lives in Providence, RI. • On January 6, 2005, **Anna Fabian** and husband David Meyer welcomed their first child, Maxwell Fabian, into the world. They currently live in San Francisco. • **Chad Soares** and wife Virginia remain in London (year eight) and have just welcomed Ethan to the world. He was born on April 8, 2005, at the Portland Hospital in London. • **Kimberly Eretzian Smirles** was recently granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of psychology at Emmanuel College in Boston. She was also granted a sabbatical next spring to conduct research on the impact of the media on identity and self-evaluation. • **Steve Capshaw** and wife Jennifer welcomed their first child, son Connor Joseph, on March 14, 2005. • **Ian Brown**, founding member of the BC Heightsmen, former president of Voices of Imani and president of AHANA, recently wrote in with some good news. Ian currently works for a software company in Northern California and performs with a successful local band called Busta-Groove (www.bustagroove.com). He recently released his first solo album, which is available through his Website at www.ingarbrown.com. After graduating from BC, he attended the Berklee College of Music. In 1999, he married **Trish Endriga** (former Bostonians singer), and in 2003 they had their first child, Olivia Sydney. • Received some great news on **Tom Burton** (Law '96) from our Alumni Office! Tom has been promoted to partner at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo PC. He is an attorney in the Business and Finance section and also serves as vice chair of the Boston office's Hiring Committee. Tom was named a 2004 "Massachusetts Super Lawyer" by *Boston Magazine*, an honor given to those attorneys considered to be the top 5 percent practicing in Massachusetts. Tom's success extends outside the professional realm as well. He is a member of the Life Sciences Task Force of the Commonwealth's Workforce Development Board, the MIT Enterprise Forum 10-250 Committee and the MIT Energy Technology Special Interest Group. He's been a guest lecturer at Bentley College's McCallum Graduate School of Business and at our very own Carroll Graduate School of Management. He also has been published in the MIT Enterprise Forum's *Reporter*. Tom is a member of the Boston and American Bar associations. He has volunteered as the chairman of the Fulton Business Group of BC and as an executive committee member of YouthCare Community Services, a nonprofit organization serving Boston-area special-needs children. During his Double Eagle days at BC, he was managing editor of the *Boston College Third World Law Journal* and a member of the Order of the Coif. Upon graduation from law school, he received the Susan Grant Desmarais Award for Public Service Achievement and Leadership. Tom currently resides in Beverly with wife Leslie and their children.

'94

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Where is everyone? The Class of 1994 has been very quiet the past few months. Now that summer is almost over, I hope you'll get writing again! I don't want to be accused of skipping an issue of Class Notes, so here are a few things. • I attended the Class of 1995 reunion with my husband, Dana Colarulli ('95), in early June and had a great time reliving some BC memories. I am always struck by all of the changes on campus. It is quite remarkable. Even though I was at the Class of 1995 reunion, I ran into a few folks from the Class of 1994, including **Joe Logudic** and his wife, Mary Lou ('95). Joe and Mary Lou told me that they are planning a move to Hong Kong from New York City! • In other news, **Fernando Pinguelo** wrote to share with Class Notes his recent legal victory. Fernando is an associate with the Somerville law firm Norris McLaughlin & Marcus and recently successfully represented a wartime-disabled veteran and his partner seeking a full property tax exemption from the New Jersey Tax Court. • Please e-mail me to send news of all those promotions, marriages and births! The deadline for the next submission is August 26, 2005.

'95

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It is difficult to believe that 10 years have now passed us by – 10 years since our last days living on the Heights – and yet everyone I saw at Reunion '05 looked fantastic! New moms and dads were everywhere with growing children, exciting professional lives and fantastic stories to share. If you're reading this column but didn't make it to the celebration, I can't begin to recreate the experience, but here's my best attempt... • I had the pleasure of staying at the D'Amato estate in Wellesley for Reunion Weekend; a fabulous endowment of haute cuisine was had by all, if I do say so myself. Chocolate sprinkles were the day's accoutrement. **Kristin D'Amato** is the director of educational programs for the Bank of America Celebrity Series and just completed her master's in education at Harvard University. She lives in Wellesley with her husband, John Mazzocchi ('93). • **Dana Colarulli** is the government relations and legislative counsel for the Intellectual Property Owners Association. In true Colarulli fashion, Dana was "mayor" of the reunion and could be seen talking to everyone. **Cathy Burgess**, the regional vice president of Evergreen Investments in Boston, was one of the people Dana ran into. Among others, Dana talked with **John McKee**, who is the assistant director of real estate for OneBeacon Insurance in Boston. John and Dana reminisced about their trip to Ireland and the Abbey Theatre program. Dan also saw **Christine (Wischusen) McCoid** and her husband, who notably was the only attendee at the reunion event wearing a kilt. Dana caught up with fellow RA **Shelly (Johannesen)** and her husband, **Edward McLaughlin**, who live in Washington, DC, with their two children. Shelly is director of student support services at Capital City Public Charter



School, and Ed is the associate director of athletics/external affairs at American University. • **Steve Deroian** and his wife, Patti, also attended. Steve and Patti bought a house in Brookline about a year ago and just recently adopted a dog named Otto. Steve, of course, worked the reunion room and discovered updates for us on quite a few classmates. He was excited to learn that **Bruce and Laura (Odachowski) Pierce** also recently got a dog named Lenny. The day after the reunion both Otto and Lenny visited **Rick Nelson** and his wife, Jen, at their new house in Wakefield and went swimming in the pool. Rick was best man at **Charlie Drane's** wedding in August 2005. Charlie just became the academic dean at BC High. His wife, Elena Gourlis, is also a teacher at BC High. Steve reported that **Ryan Doyle** bought a condo in the fall and is working for Meditech, a medical technology information company. • **Chris Stenmon** just married **Ellen Stenson**. **Allison McQiggen** and her husband, Seth, attended. Allison is working for eTrade, and she and Seth have a son, Ronan. • **Mike Mariniello** recently married Barbara. The couple just returned from their honeymoon in Italy. • **Adam Zuckerberg** (CGSOM '05) recently married Molly. • **Matt Dullea** (CGSOM '04) is living in Waltham and working for Deutsche Bank. His brother **Mike Dullea** also attended the reunion with his wife, Sarah. Mike and Sarah just had their second child, Matt. Their older child is named Catlin. • **Brett Donelan** is living in Murray Hill in New York City and working for Credit Suisse. • **Jen and Joseph Bryson** attended, along with Joseph's brother **John Bryson** and his wife, Janet. • **Rob Fortier** is currently living in Manhattan and is running a greeting card company, Paperwords; you can check out his Website at [www.paperwords.com](http://www.paperwords.com). • **Meg Hamilton** is a clinical social worker running outreach programs in Harlem. She lives in Manhattan and had a really good time at the reunion, witch's hat and all. • **Tom Wilson** lives with his wife and two children in New York City, where he is a chief resident in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Columbia University. • **Joli (Gatzen) Goodwin** delivered little Eagle Allie May Goodwin on May 18, 2005, and had a great excuse for not showing up at the reunion! Joli's older daughter, Nina, turned two in February. The entire family is doing well. Husband Steve is busy being a dentist. • **Ali Zeinoun** married Jason Ferrier in August 2005 in Westchester County, NY. In attendance were fellow BC '95ers **Deborah (McNamara) Logan**, **Annie LeDang**, **Sherri (Mariani) Franzman**, **Michele (Missan) Filosa**, **Liz (Landry) Harvey**, **Deb (Tortola) Griffin** and **Theresa (Maloney) O'Halloran**, as well as **Tom and Diana (Paulik) Dee**, **Tom O'Keefe** and **Trisha Nugent**. Ali and Jason live in Bethel, CT; Ali teaches high school English. Tom Dee and Diana Paulik were married on Memorial Day weekend 2005 at St. Ignatius Church. • I received an e-mail update from **Stefan Kjaernested**, who has had a busy 10 years. He married Asgerour Osk Jakobsdottir in December 2001, and they have two children, Victor and Kristofer. They currently live in Reykjavik, Iceland. Stefan started a shipping company, Atlantsskip, but has now moved on to become a consultant with his newest business, IntJob, international job opportunities. • **Jeremy and Ruth (Johnson) Anagnos** have been living in Europe for six years. Ruth has been working at the

London Stock Exchange in investor relations, while Jeremy is currently with a global real estate investment management company called CBRE Global Real Estate Securities. The couple had a baby last year, named Zachary, and are moving back to the Annapolis, MD, area soon. • Corrections from last column: Doug Hatch married **Tara McGrath**, not Tara Murphy as reported. In attendance at the Drane-Colarulli wedding was **Steve Deroian**, not Steve Devine. Apologies from the editor.

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So, while I've been sitting on the sofa watching reality TV and eating burritos, **Anthony Rich** has been training for marathons. In April 2005, he ran his third Boston Marathon and finished with his best time ever, 3:39:43. Better yet, Anthony raised nearly \$4,000 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He wants to say thanks to all of our classmates who sponsored him. "I also completed my first Ironman distance triathlon this past March, the Oceanside, CA, Half Ironman," he writes, "and I'm training now to potentially compete in a full Ironman next year." • **Steve Aviles** married Anne Donovan, an alumna of Mount Holyoke, on February 19, 2005. **Chris Stephen**, **Greg Halstead**, **Dan McDonald**, **Chris Olson** and **John Lanza ('97)** were guests at the wedding. (It must have felt like a Duchesne reunion.) Steve and Anne honeymooned on Qamea and Lalati, two islands in Fiji. Steve is currently a fourth-year resident in orthopedic surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital. He recently accepted a fellowship position in sports medicine at the University of California at San Francisco. • **Vince Ponzo** started a new job a few months ago as a trainer at Citigroup. He also recently started a small business with a humorous political perspective, which you can learn about at [www.BackwardsBush.com](http://www.BackwardsBush.com). • **Jennifer (Calonita) Smith** writes that she and her husband, Mike, had their first son, Tyler Donovan, on November 4, 2004. Jen is freelance writing for magazines, including *Parents*, and she is also working on a teen book series called "Secrets of My Hollywood Life," which is due out next spring. They live in Merrick, NY. Jen also offered these updates on fellow classmates: **Mary Heller** works in advertising and recently bought a place in Virginia, where she moved two years ago from Atlanta. She lives near fellow grad **Anne (Peters) Farschon**, who is married and teaching. She also started her own jewelry design business, You Lucky Girl, back in the fall of 2004. Things are going very well and continuing to grow. (You can check her stuff out at [www.YouLuckyGirl.com](http://www.YouLuckyGirl.com).) • **Lisa Gagliano** lives in Albertson, NY, and teaches fifth graders in Bayside, Queens. • **Nicole Franconere** and her husband, Terrence, have two children, Mackenzie (6) and Andrew (4). They live in upstate New York, where Nicole is the director of development for a private school. • **Zed Reagan** and his wife, Peggy, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Clancy Maureen, on September 20, 2004. Zed finished his anesthesia residency at Stanford in July. He and his family plan to move to Bend, OR,

where Zed will work as a private practice anesthesiologist. • **Dennis P. Higgins** recently took over his family business. He also just finished his second screenplay and is looking for buyers. • **Andrew Fellingham** and **Cristin Callaghan** celebrated their fifth anniversary on June 10, 2005, with drinks at the Time Hotel in New York, where they stayed the weekend they were married. They recently bought a beautiful apartment in Manhattan with a lovely deck that I enjoyed cocktails on frequently this past summer. • Finally, **Kara Emerson** was married on May 15, 2005, in Hawaii. **Heather Burnap** writes that the wedding "was awesome, and she looked gorgeous, of course. Very relaxed and very happy." Congrats, Kara!

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After three long years of part-time school, I'm happy to say that along with **Karen Chen**, I recently graduated with an MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business. The program was completely worth the long hours and extra effort, but I'm thrilled to have my free time back. As is Karen, who is currently employed as a vice president in the Global Investment Research division at Goldman Sachs. • Congratulations to **Margo (Rivera) Gillespie** and her husband, Kevin, who welcomed their first child, Kevin William, into the world on May 3. The family recently moved to their new home in Mountain Lakes, NJ, and is enjoying life in the suburbs. • **Danielle (LoPiccolo) Salhany** graduated with honors from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine on June 4, 2005. She will be pursuing her residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Maine Medical Center in Portland. She and her husband, Stephen ('93), live in Brunswick, ME. • **VJ and Paula (Urzua) Occhino** had their first child, Mia Carolina, on November 10, 2004. VJ is working at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Boston in the tax department, and Paula is practicing domestic law in Danvers. They live in Beverly. • **Erik Petersen**, an environmental attorney in the Washington office of Bracewell & Giuliani, has received the 2005 Burton Award for Legal Achievement in writing. Erik, an associate, devotes his legal practice to advising clients on environmental issues in the regulated, transactional and litigation arenas. • **Rachel (Sterling) Johnson** married her husband, Todd, on October 4, 2003, at Atlantica/Tierra Mar in the Hamptons on Long Island, NY. They recently celebrated the birth of their son, Wyatt Nathaniel, on January 12, 2005. Rachel currently teaches elementary school at Oysterponds in Orient, NY.

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Happy fall, everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer full of adventure and fun. Here is what you have been up to: **Paulette R. Tucciarone** graduated med school from Uniformed Services University in May 2004 and was promoted to lieutenant in the Navy. She completed her psychiatry internship at the Naval Hospital in San Diego



in June and then deployed to Iraq on the USS Pearl Harbor for six months before returning to San Diego. • **Christina Song** and **Jason Kim** ('97) were married on October 2, 2004, in Sleepy Hollow, NY. They were supported by friends and family, including maid of honor Janet Schoffman ('99), best man David Lee ('95), **Michael Kim**, **David Cho** ('96), **Ann Byun** ('96), **Tae Kim** ('97), **Yolanda Lam** ('96) and **Doh Yun Cha** ('97). The couple spent their honeymoon in Spain and Portugal and now reside in Manhattan. • **Colette Dinneen** married **Joe Pennacchio** on May 15, 2004, in Spring Lake, NJ. BC '98ers in the bridal party were **Michelle (Covington) Harmon**, **Amanda Voetsch**, **Amanda Burns** and **Lisa Carraro**. Other '98ers in attendance were **Jessica Miller**, **Bridget (Moore) Calista** and **Carrie (Riordan) Collins**. They honeymooned in Cap Juluca on the island of Anguilla. Colette works as a special events manager at *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine, and Joe is a sales rep at *US News & World Report*. They live in Manhattan. • **Melinda (Ferguson) Breslin** and her husband, **John** ('99), are proud to announce the birth of their second son, **Kian John**, on February 11, 2005. Their first son, **Cameron Donovan**, was born in October 2002. His godfather is **Kevin Slater** ('99). The Breslins reside in Arlington, and John currently works for Somerville Public Schools. • **Christine "Chrissy" Matava** is consulting to Bank of America's public finance department and also has a calligraphy business; she can be reached at [chriscalligraphy@yahoo.com](mailto:chriscalligraphy@yahoo.com). She was elected to Miss Porter's School's Alumnae

Board for a three-year term and hopes to have the opportunity to serve Boston College in a similar role in the future. • **Jocelyn (Cavanna) Graseck** moved to Connecticut with her husband, **Peter**. • **Theodore** and **Amy (Sundman) Kim** have adjusted to life in the Midwest, having lived in Indianapolis, IN, for over a year now. Ted is a reporter for the *Indianapolis Star*, covering the transportation beat. Amy works as a graphic designer for *NUVO Newsweekly*, another Indianapolis newspaper. • **Julia (Mancuso) Perkins** has been working as a nurse at Children's Hospital Boston for the past five years. She just finished her master's degree and got her certification as a pediatric nurse-practitioner. She has taken a new role at Children's as an in-patient nurse-practitioner with the gastrointestinal team. Three years after graduation (and after not seeing him at all), she ran into **John Perkins**. After a couple of years of dating, he surprised her by flying to Venice, Italy, to propose while she was on a family vacation! They got married in Rhode Island in August 2004. Julia's twin sister, **Rosella Mancuso**, was the maid of honor. Other Class of '98ers in the wedding party were **Dean Bell**, **Kris Kokofski**, **Josh Lewendon** and **Matt Scamardella**. Guests from our class were **Preeti Garde**, **Jamie Costa**, **Anne Watson**, **Jill Carpenter**, **Sue Monroe**, **Ari Foley**, **Sarah Park**, **Marybeth (Vieira) Sosa**, **Ada Penabaz** and **Chris Hunter** ('97). Julia and John bought a house in Franklin. John has been working as a real estate appraiser. • My husband is just starting his second year at Kellogg, and so we are still in Chicago. We traveled to Peru and

Argentina in March for two weeks, hiked the Machu Picchu trail and went white-water rafting in Bariloche. It was an awesome trip! I also traveled to Curacao (near Aruba) and co-led a group of first-year Kellogg students for the week. • Take care, everyone, and please send me your updates!

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Hello, everyone. We hope you enjoyed your summer! And now for the news: **Melinda (Ferguson) '98** and **John Breslin** are proud to announce the birth of their second son, **Kian John**, on February 11, 2005. Their first son, **Cameron Donovan**, was born in October 2002. His godfather is **Kevin Slater**. The Breslins reside in Arlington, and John currently works for Somerville Public Schools. • **Christian Baird** received his MBA in May 2005 from the University of Notre Dame. Classmate **Sybil Carrade** also graduated from the same program. Cybil began an assistant brand manager position at Whirlpool in the summer, while Christian started a management development program at Liberty Mutual. Christian recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land, where he was working on a business plan for ND's Ecumenical Center in Jerusalem (named Tantur, Arabic for "hilltop"). • **Maryanne Knasas** married **Sean Irwin** on June 18, 2005, at Boston College. Maryanne graduated from Tufts Dental School in May and then began a residency in West Palm Beach, FL. Sean is a teacher at BC High. The wed-

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ding party included **Bob Perniola**, **Seth Robbins**, **Ryan Irwin** (expected '06), **Emily Wildfire**, **Mary Newman**, **Rebecca Klim** and **Lauren Irwin** ('00). The parents of the bride and groom, both BC grads, are **Janet Irwin** and **John Knasas**. • **Matt Chabot** married **Laura Funken** ('00) on July 29 on Cape Cod. Matt works for Tier 1 Net in the Boston area. • **Mike and Stephanie (Donovan) Gargiulo** were married on May 8, 2004, in Danvers. Stephanie works at Beth Israel in Boston as a labor and delivery nurse, and Mike works in risk management for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. They are living in Danvers and honeymooned in Hawaii. In the wedding party were **Christina (Mallett) Rios** (matron of honor), **Ed Dombrowski**, **Bill Hannon** ('00) and **Christina Foley** (expected '08). Also in attendance from the Class of '99 were **Paula Bacso**, **Maureen Goodman**, **Heather Melichar**, **Christine Michelon**, **Kelly Nicole Pettit**, **Lisa (Hagermoser) Sanetti**, **Chris Sanetti**, **Tessa Tayyab**, **Elizabeth Sullivan**, **Victoria Stevens** and **Kristen Turick**. Other BC alums included **Kristin Lucier** ('97), **Khristine and Joe Naughton** ('97), **Lisa and Jon Mendicina** ('00), **Jonathan Greateorex** ('00), **Anne Reckhemmer** ('01) and **Pamela Wilcox** ('04). • **Christina (Mallett) Rios** had her second baby, **Alexander Nicholas**, in September 2004. Alex joins his big sister, **Isabel**. Christina currently works at Mass General as a labor and delivery nurse. • **Kathleen Corcoran** is in the home stretch of finishing her doctoral training in clinical psychology. She will be moving from South Florida to New Hampshire to begin her yearlong predoctoral internship at Dartmouth Medical School, where she will be working with children and families. • **Kate Heekin** married **Jeff Uhas** on August 7, 2004. They were both teaching in San Francisco for three years but now are back on the East Coast teaching in Greenwich, CT, and Rye, NY. They had an awesome three-day, laid-back wedding bash in Leland, MI. Members of the Class of '99 who were in attendance included **Mike Walsh**, **Larry DiTore**, **Chris Fonss**, **Mike Michaud**, **Brian Fanning**, **Steve Fitzgerald** and **Megan Niziol**. • **Lindsey (Higgs) Sodano** and her husband, **Justin**, announce the birth of their son, **Jackson Reed**, on February 22. The Sodanos left Boston in 2003 and now reside in the Cincinnati area. • Take care and please keep sending in the updates.

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Hello, Class of 2000! Thanks as always for the great news. • **Kelleigh L. Domaingue** graduated from Vermont Law School in May 2004 and passed the New Hampshire Bar in September. She is currently employed as an associate with Devine & Nyquist in Manchester, NH, practicing environmental litigation, trust and estate law, and civil and commercial litigation. • **Todd A. Barton** received his law degree from Roger Williams University on May 14, 2005. Todd was editor-in-chief of the *Law Review* and a member of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. He will be a law clerk for Chief Justice Frank J. Williams of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. • **Brian Sheehan** graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law and has been admitted to practice as an attorney in

Connecticut and New York. Brian is currently practicing in New Haven at Withers Bergman LLP, which specializes in domestic and international tax, trust and estate planning. • **Georgia Asimakopoulos** was named co-chair of the Boston Bar Association's Litigation Membership Committee. • **Mary Mullin** participated in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in California for a year after graduation, then moved back to Boston and worked at a consulting company. She's currently in her second year of law school at Creighton University and living in her hometown of Omaha. She works at the county public defender's office. • After having sales, client services and communications positions at a corporate child-care company in Boston, **Kristin Krupka** is working in corporate relations at the Boston College Center for Work & Family. She is currently pursuing her MBA in the Carroll School's part-time program. • **Alison Stankus** has called Park Slope in Brooklyn home for the past three and a half years and is currently working as a social services worker and child victim specialist at the New York County District Attorney's Office. This fall, Alison will begin to pursue a joint law and social work degree as a Child Law Fellow at Loyola University Chicago. • **Matt Woods** has produced a feature film titled *Southern Belles*. The film had its world premiere at the South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin, TX, the second week of March and was screened at the Vail Film Festival and the Gen Art Film Festival in New York City. After graduating from USC Law School this past May, Matt is pursuing a career in both entertainment law and film/TV production. • **Timothy J. Nolan** has earned Smith Barney's financial planning specialist designation. A partner in the Nolan Group of Smith Barney, Tim continues to work for the firm as a financial consultant. Tim is also the president and founder of the Boston-based nonprofit The Jones Foundation, Inc., which he and several fellow classmates started during their time at BC ([www.thejonesfoundation.org](http://www.thejonesfoundation.org)). • **Katie Richter** and **Michael Long** were married on April 17, 2004, at St. James Church in Basking Ridge, NJ. BC alumni in the wedding party were **Chrissy Connors**, **Katy Senesi**, **Kristen Wilcox** and **Jason Gonzalez**. Class of 2000 alumni in attendance at the wedding were **Debbie Avitabile**, **Tim Bogle**, **Susan Brenner**, **Michael Brescio**, **Neil Crawford**, **Joan DeMarco**, **Ashley Dubin**, **John Gannon**, **James Gentile**, **Sara Hart**, **Scott Holowicki**, **Robert Kosowsky**, **Tim Lesnick**, **Cara Marino**, **Peter Manley**, **Sean Mullaney**, **George Rassas**, **Michael Ryan**, **Marc Serafino**, **Tanya Tai**, **Alison Turenne**, **Shannon Tyree** and **Melinda Wood**. Katie is employed at UBS Financial Services as a divisional vice president working in the office of the president. Michael is employed as a judicial clerk for Associate Justice James R. Zazzali of the New Jersey Supreme Court. Katie and Michael live in Basking Ridge. • **Alicia Marzullo** married **Ben Edwards** on September 4, 2004, in Greensboro, NC. The couple met at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law and are both lawyers practicing in North Carolina. **Elizabeth Lidstone** was a bridesmaid and **Alison Stankus** was one of the readers during the ceremony. Other attendees included **Maria Hofilena**, **Kristen Tertzakian**, **Julia Tesoriero** and **Anne Subourne Trinque**. After

honeymooning in Las Vegas and on Maui, the couple now live in Greensboro. • **Meghan Kavanaugh** and **Brian Rich** (GA&S '99) were married on September 18, 2004, at the Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus of Boston College. Other Class of 2000 members in attendance at the wedding were **Chad Rose** (best man), **Josiah Bagley**, **Deirdre Griffin**, **Karen Lynch** and **Kim Walsh**. The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and is currently residing in West Hartford, CT. Brian is an attorney with the law firm of Halloran & Sage. Meghan is a CPA for Northeast Utilities in Berlin, CT. • **Michael Rotondo** and **Megan Hughes** were married on October 9, 2004, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Oakland, NJ. Class of 2000 graduates present at the wedding were **Matthew Adams**, **Erik DeMarco**, **Pete Fitch**, **Greg Mihal**, **Bill Reynolds** and **Chris Tortorella**. The couple live in Ringwood, NJ. Michael works as a publishing manager at Simon & Schuster in New York City, and Megan is a senior accountant at Cardinal Health in Wayne, NJ. • **Nathan Briscoe** and his wife, **Jill**, welcomed their daughter, **Anna Cheryl**, on December 21, 2004. Nathan and his family now live in Columbus, OH, where he works as a commercial real estate appraiser for Integra Realty Resources. • **Dan** ('99) and **Nicole Aurillo Lacz** welcomed their first child, **Emmalyn Vegas**, on May 6, 2005. Nicole recently completed the Transitional Year Residency Program at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. She will be taking a year off from medicine and staying home with the baby before beginning a four-year residency in radiology at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, NJ. Dan is currently a developer for a commercial real estate development company in Asbury, NJ. Nicole and her family have left Manhattan and moved into their new home in Convent Station, NJ. Emma made her first trip to the BC campus during Reunion Weekend, and it was great to see the happy family. • I would like to personally thank all the members of our class who helped prepare for our fifth-year reunion. **Hugh O'Kane** and the rest of the Gift Committee helped to raise over \$117,000 for our class gift, which was presented the night of the class party. I would also like to thank the committee that worked so hard to ensure that the class party was a success: **Rob Bubalo**, **Phil Gabriel**, **Emily and Dan Garry** and **Leah Grip**. It was great seeing that the spirit of our class still lives. I was so pleased with the large turnout and enthusiasm the entire weekend.

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## REUNION YEAR

Hey there, Class of 2001! I hope you are all well. Please keep the Class Notes coming. I am still at home, though in my new house! My husband and I bought a house in North Andover, and we are getting used to things like mowing a lawn. I am still chasing after a baby, but she is walking now! • As many of you saw, one of our own, **Michael Tarshi**, was a contestant on the super-hit show *The Apprentice* starring Donald Trump. Although he was not the ultimate apprentice, he did comment



on his time on the show: "Chosen out of a million applicants, I consider myself privileged and, well, just plain lucky, to be involved in *The Apprentice*. Created by Mark Burnett and Donald Trump, *The Apprentice* is one of the most realistic, cut-throat business environments in existence and is far more substantial than what most businesspeople will ever experience. I was a member of the "Book Smarts" team, which was comprised of multiple highly educated candidates. Since I was the only male without a graduate school education, my Boston College education stood alone amongst a sea of attorneys and MBAs, and there was never a time where I felt more proud of my Boston College heritage. *The Apprentice* has changed my life, besides the obvious products that fame provides; I have truly discovered my existence in the world and have realized that seemingly impossible is without a doubt, possible. Boston College provided me with a foundation, and I simply started to build, and being a real estate developer, why not build higher? *The Apprentice* is just the first floor!" Michael was very gracious to share his experience, and I for one was hooked on his show! Congrats to Michael for his fine performance. • Also in the public eye recently was **Jason Mulgrew**, who was featured in the June 27, 2005, issue of *People* for his weblog, "Everything Is Wrong with Me," which receives an estimated 10,000 hits a day. • **Christopher Cummings** reports he is alive and well and winning awards in California. Thanks for the note, Chris; keep 'em coming! • **Lisa Langdon** and **Matthew Koch** were married on June 19, 2004, in Lisa's hometown of Manlius, NY. The wedding party included **Nicole Estvanik**, **Brian Lelen** and **Tom Bolton**, and a flock of Eagles attended, including **Diana Bolling**, **Andrew Frey**, **Kristen Grauman**, **Bob Hatcher**, **Regina Lennox**, **George Leydon**, **Katie Phelan**, **Ari Shapiro**, **Emily ('99)** and **Pat Venzani** and **Matt Wells**. The Kochs honeymooned in Spain and are now residing in Chicago. • **Jenna Person** and **Shawn Grodzicki** were married on August 6, 2004. The ceremony and reception were both held at Mahan's Lakeview in Wolcott, CT. Bridesmaids included **Lisa Miller** and **Kayleen Baur**. Other BC alums in attendance were **Katie Murphy**, **Beth (Lewis) Ramos**, **Jenny McCarthy**, **Dina Khani**, **Tim Doherty** and **Gravity Goldberg ('00)**. The couple honeymooned on Nevis, West Indies. Jenna is a third-grade teacher in Avon, CT, and Shawn is a sales representative for American Express. • **Sandi Birkeland** married Francois Kanne on a vineyard in Long Island Wine Country on August 14, 2004. BC '01 members of the bridal party included **Carrie Levitt**, **Andrea Heimanson** and **Leslie DeSantis**. Other BC alums in attendance were **Frank Klemovitch**, **Jamie and Christine Hufnagel**, **Jim Gillespie**, **Ryan Levitt ('04)**, **Herb Harrison ('99)**, **Dean Bell ('98)**, **Andrea Borzuku ('98)** and **Stephen Burke ('78)**. Sandi is an internal audit supervisor for Viacom in New York City, and Francois is an accountant for McKinsey & Company, Inc. The Kannes currently make their home in Brooklyn. • **Tracy McSweeney**, who is currently attending Seton Hall University School of Law, spent the summer at Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP in Morristown, NJ, as a summer associate. • And that's the news for now! I hope to hear more from the Class of 2001 soon!

# '02

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Congratulations to **Melissa Carubia**, who has become the first student at the Cambridge-based Longy School of Music to be selected as its Creativity Foundation Legacy Prize winner. Melissa is currently in her first year in Longy's Master of Music program. Melissa will participate in the foundation's annual meeting in Washington, DC, where she will meet other Legacy recipients and attend an award celebration at the Smithsonian Institution. Melissa hopes "to continue bringing together musicians, not just as artists but as thinkers." • **Jennifer Montague** wrote in with a great update on what she's been up to since graduation. Jennifer received a master's in applied research and consultancy from Lancaster University in Lancaster, England, and upon graduation was elected as Athletic Union president for the 2003-04 academic year. Jennifer is the first non-British person in the university's history to hold the position, which she explains is similar to the athletic director at an American university. Her responsibilities included organizing matches, practices and transportation for Lancaster's 35 sports teams. She also organized the War of the Roses, which is an annual sports competition between Lancaster University and the University of York and is the largest sporting event in the north of England, including 90 different matches, 1,500 athletes and 5,000 spectators over the course of three days. Jennifer was responsible for all aspects of the event, including raising funds, arranging accommodations and obtaining media coverage. Jennifer credits the skills and experiences she gained during her time at BC with her success at Lancaster. More information about her accomplishments is available at [www.roseslive.com](http://www.roseslive.com).

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On December 4, 2004, **Carolyn Gordon** married Rob Kenney at St. Ignatius Church. Recent alums in attendance were **Kate Coppola**, **Jared Fitzgibbon**, **Molly McGinn-Shapiro**, **Sara Wanner**, **Tori Scott**, **Linsey Thornton**, **Meghan Butler**, **Dave Cotter**, **Melissa Ouellette**, **Kevin Meme**, **Amy Hallett**, **Matt Roginski ('02)**, **Mike Losh ('02)**, **Brian Ferrasci-O'Malley ('04)** and **Dana Clasby (expected '06)**. The Mass was said by Fr. Dick Cleary, SJ, former director of campus ministry at BC. The happy couple enjoyed a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon and now reside in Melrose. Carolyn is a campus minister at St. John's Prep School in Danvers, and Rob is in the Physician Assistant Program at Northeastern University. Cheers to all for future happiness! • **Naitnaphit Limlamai** has been participating in the Alliance for Catholic Education learning and service program for the past two years. Through the program she earned her master of education from the University of Notre Dame while simultaneously teaching high school English and French in St. Augustine, FL. Naitnaphit planned to move to Atlanta, where she will teach high school English

in the fall. • Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer! Please continue to send me updates regarding anything you wish to share.

# '04

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**Adrianna Rodriguez** has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 Young Alumni Award of Excellence. All members of the Class of 2004 are invited to join in honoring her achievements at the award ceremony and reception to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at Robsham Theater, Main Campus. For more information, please visit [www.bc.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bc.edu/alumniawards) or call 800-669-8430 to reserve space at the event.

**Tory Somers** reports that after graduation, **Courtney Sirhal** married **Dan Reed** on July 10 in Courtney's hometown of Princeton, NJ. After their honeymoon in Bermuda, Courtney and Dan moved to Jersey City, where Dan currently works at Lord Abbett, a mutual funds company. Courtney took a job with *Forbes* magazine in New York City as a media strategist assistant, but left to work in the media department at the Freshfields law firm, also located in New York City. Tory writes, "With help from Courtney (she submitted my resume for a position at *Forbes*), I have also been working at the magazine since September. Currently, I am the assistant to the managing editor and am responsible for preparing research for his weekly appearances on *Forbes on Fox* as well as maintaining his daily schedule of meetings, etc."

• **Tom Burns** e-mails weekly from Iraq. He is leading troops from the 25th Infantry Stryker Brigade Combat Team out of Ft. Lewis, WA, where he was stationed before he deployed in February. You can write to him at 2LT Thomas Burns; D52 Infantry, 2-8 FA; 1/25 SBCT; APO AE 09345.

# '05

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Greetings from your alumni correspondent! I am excited to serve as the editor for the Class of 2005. I graduated with a degree in political science, and I hope to work in law or public policy. • Already, some of our classmates are setting the world aflame. Close to home, **Paul Suk-Hyun Yoon** recently moved to Brookline with **Charles Grandson IV**, **Brandon Slaughter** and **Jonathan Joseph**. Paul was working at the Heights during the summer as a Donovan Urban Teaching Scholar. • Across the pond, **Jennifer Boarini** is studying the Spanish language in Spain. She hopes to return to the States and work as an actress in Los Angeles. • If you have any news that you'd like to share with your classmates, please contact me using the information above. I'd be glad to help you spread the word. Best wishes to all!

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**Tim Cooke** (MBA '98) and his wife, former BC MBA Communications Assistant Director **Amy Cooke**, celebrated the arrival of a baby boy,



Jackson Graham, on January 25, 2005. The Cooke family is doing well and hopes to see everyone soon. • **Citizens Bank** announced that **Patrick Laundry** ('93, MBA '02) has been promoted to vice president/senior finance manager of consumer operations. • **Patrick Cataldo** (MBA '94) was promoted to director of human resources at Capital One Financial Corporation in McLean, VA. • **Terry Adler** (MBA '86) has been named the new department head for management at the New Mexico State University College of Business. He has been a faculty member at the University of Texas at El Paso, Central Michigan University and the Air Force Institute of Technology.

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**Constance Smith Hendricks** (PhD '92) has been appointed dean of Hampton University School of Nursing. • **Ann Berger** (PhD '05) has accepted the position of director of nursing core metrics at Children's Hospital Boston. • **Stacey Barone** (PhD '93) presented a paper on the Roy Adaptation Model at the American Academy of Nursing's Theory-Based Expert Forum. • **Elizabeth Ptaszynski Howard** (MS '79) was awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award by the University of Massachusetts Amherst School of Nursing. • Connell School alumnae were well represented on the program of the 17th annual Scientific Sessions of the Eastern Nursing Research Society held in New York City in April 2005. **Nancy Hanrahan** (PhD '02) presented at a session on methodological issues in health-services research with large data sets. Others presenting their research were **Margaret Kearney** (MS '87), **Janice Goodman** (PhD '04), **Deborah McCarter-Spaulling** (MS '95), **Robin Whittemore** (PhD '00), **Carol Bova** (PhD '98), **Diane Carroll** (PhD '93), **Tracy Magee** (PhD '04), **Suzanne Beyea** (PhD '91), **Jeungok Choi** (PhD '01), **Alex Gleason** (PhD '04), **Stacey Barone** (PhD '93), **Jane Flanagan** (PhD '02) and **Debra Hanna** (PhD '02). **Katherine Rosa** (PhD '04) gave a workshop on translating theory to influence quality outcomes for practice. **Ann Dylis** (PhD '03) was awarded an ANF-ENRS Research Grant. • **Janice Goodman** (PhD '04) has co-authored an article on postpartum depression in *Research and Theory for Nursing Practice*. • **Deborah McCarter-Spaulling** (MS '95) published an article on medications in pregnancy and lactation in *MCN*. She also co-authored an article on breast feeding and African-Americans in the *Journal of Multicultural Nursing and Health*. • Several alums were very visible on the program and as award recipients at the annual convention of the Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses. **Deborah Washington** (MS '93), a current PhD student, and **Carol Picard** (MS '76, PhD '98) were keynote speakers. **Lin Zhan** (PhD '93) and **Ellen Vangel-Brousseau** (MS '74) received awards for Excellence in Nursing Education. Ellen is a faculty member at Quinsigamond Community College. **Virginia "Ginger" Capasso** (PhD '00) received the Excellence in Clinical Practice Award. • **Stephanie Chalupka** (MS '81) was given the University of Massachusetts President's Award for Public Service for her work in pediatric environmental health and with undergraduate students at the

University of Massachusetts at Lowell. She developed with community-based and faith-based organizations an intervention program to address pediatric health hazards in homes of immigrant and refugee families. • **Rosanna DeMarco** (MS '76) has been promoted to associate professor with tenure at the Connell School. She recently published an article on nursing and academic merit in the *Journal of Nursing Education*. • The work of **Diane Berry** (MS '97, PhD '02) was featured recently in an article in *Advance for Nurses* about child obesity and the Bright Bodies program at Yale. Diane also received a grant from Sigma Theta Tau for a research project related to obese parents of obese children.

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**J. Arch Getty** (MA '73, PhD '79) has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 Alumni Achievement Award for Arts & Humanities. All graduates of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences are invited to join in honoring his achievements at the award ceremony and reception to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at Robsham Theater, Main Campus. For more information, please visit [www.bc.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bc.edu/alumniawards) or call 800-669-8430 to reserve space at the event.

**Christopher Decker** (PhD '00) has been awarded the Alumni Outstanding Teaching Award from the University of Nebraska at Omaha Alumni Association. Christopher teaches managerial economics in the graduate program and principles of microeconomics in the undergraduate program. • **Stephen Lange** (PhD '94) has been named assistant professor at the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy at Morehead State University in Kentucky. • **Jeffrey Westover** (PhD '00) has published a book on American poetry, *The Colonial Moment: Discoveries and Settlements in Modern American Poetry* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2004). • **Phillip Munoz** (MA '95) has accepted a tenure-track position in the political science department at Tufts University, where he will teach political philosophy and American constitutional law. • **Kerry Benenator** (PhD '05) has been appointed a chemistry postdoctoral at Harvard University. • **Xin Zhang** (MS '05) has accepted a position with AmberGen.com. • **Rebecca Casaubon** (PhD '05) has accepted a position with GPC Biotech. • **Jesper Jernelius** (PhD '05) has accepted a position with Roche Pharmaceuticals. • **Jeffrey Emerson** (MS '05) has accepted a teaching position at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts. • **Jin Lu** (PhD '92) has been promoted to professor at Purdue University Calumet, and her book on the "philosophes" will be published this year. • **Tamlin Conner** (PhD '03) has accepted a doctoral fellowship to work with Howard Tennen at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, studying health-related issues, including alcohol use and emotional well-being. • **Rebecca Bianchi** (MA '04) has accepted a position as a policy analyst with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. • **Sherri Widen** (PhD '05) has accepted a postdoctoral with James Russell at Boston College, investigating children's understanding of emotion in the preschool years and beyond. • **Robert A. Morris** (PhD '87) has

been named a fellow at the Air Force Research Laboratory at Hanscom Air Force Base, where he is currently chief of the AFRL Weather Center of Excellence. A fellow is the laboratory's highest award for outstanding lifetime achievement in chemical physics, including major contributions to the Air Force. • **Michelle Segal** (MS '03) is currently employed by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority. • **Marcel Belaval** (MS '03) is employed by the Environmental Protection Agency. • **Kristin Daly** (MS '03) is employed by Groundwater and Environmental Services, Inc., in New York. • **Jason Sorenson** (MS '03) is working on numerous projects in sediment and water quality in Massachusetts and Rhode Island with MA-RI Water Science Center in Northborough. • **Ashling Petro-Roy** (MS/MBA '03) is employed by ExxonMobil in the Geologic Modeling Group. She is the treasurer of the Lone Star Chapter of the Association for Women Geoscientists. • **Kathleen Hardiman** (MA '02) is an adjunct professor of English at Red Rocks Community College and a provost fellow for technology at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she is pursuing her PhD in English. She was married on August 7 to Rev. Shonen Dunley. • **John Hampsey** (PhD '82) received a 2004-05 Distinguished Teaching Award from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. He has been a professor in the English department there since 1989.

## GSSW

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Thank you to all of you who have sent updates. Please continue to send information that you would like to share with others, so we can include it here and in the GSSW alumni newsletter. It is always a pleasure to hear from alumni and pass along news to the rest of the community. If you would like to submit address changes or look up old friends, you can access BC's Alumni Online Community at [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni). • **Loretta Weiss Kowal** (MSW '66) died on March 27, 2005, in Boston after a nearly two-year battle with colon cancer. Loretta became a social worker in her early 20s, working in Boston's poorest communities, and is a founding member of the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund. She was a licensed clinician with more than 40 years in state, federal and private human services. In 2004, Loretta received the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work and also received the Mayor's Medallion Award for Charitable Works from the City of Newton. Born and raised in Brookline, she was a longtime Newton resident who was a leader in civic activities. She graduated from Simmons College and leaves two sons, two grandsons, a brother, a nephew, a grandnephew and hundreds of people whose lives were made immeasurably better by her caring and expertise. • **Rachel Greene Baldino** (MSW '97) has recently published a book, *The New Age Guide to Loving Simply*. The book seeks to help partners manage their anger, practice the Golden Rule and learn why excessive emotional drama belongs in novels and on movie screens, not in real life. In 2000, her first book, *Welcome to Methadonia: A Social Worker's Candid*



*Account of Life in a Methadone Clinic*, was published by White Hat Communications. She currently lives with her family in Massachusetts. • **Mary Collins** (MSW '03) has recently been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve on the Commission on Disabilities for San Mateo County. Mary is a case manager at Golden Gate Regional Center. • **E. Jennifer Morris** (MSW '71), director of social work and interpreter services at Caritas Carney Hospital in Dorchester, recently received a President's Award, given annually to a recipient who represents the core values of CARE: to serve with compassion, provide advocacy, have respect for others and strive for excellence. Jennifer has been an employee of the Caritas Carney social work department for the past 26 years. She and her husband, Steven Oldsman, have been married for 25 years and live in Boston with their son Marco, a senior at Boston Latin School.

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**Linda Wong Rho** (MEd '94) reports that she is living in the City of Brotherly Love,

Philadelphia. She has been married to "the wonderful" David Rho for the past six years, and is home-schooling "our two delightful daughters, while keeping up with periodic writing opportunities and with research on gifted preschoolers." Linda would welcome contacts from old friends at llrho@yahoo.com. • **Gerasimos Michaleas** (PhD '93) was named the new metropolitan of San Francisco for the Greek Orthodox church. He will preside over 70 parishes in seven western states, including California. • **Matthew Malone** (PhD '95) is currently serving as special assistant to the superintendent of the San Diego City Unified School District, where he is overseeing the reorganization of four urban schools. Prior to his work in San Diego, he was the headmaster of Monument High School in South Boston, which he transformed into three smaller, more effective schools. He also partnered with Boston's police, fire and emergency medical services departments to create the first public safety/criminal justice high school in New England. • **Elaine Fowler Connors** (MSW '71) wrote to inform us that the name of her late husband, **Thomas Connors** (MEd '71), was added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in May 2005. Tom died in 2004 as a result of complications from wounds he received in Vietnam, where he served with the 25th Infantry Division Wolfhounds and received the Purple Heart. • We regret to report the death of **Alice McCarthy Vogt** (MEd '62) of Needham. She was retired as a library assistant in Wellesley and had taught at St. Joseph's School in Needham and Elizabeth Seton

School in Wellesley. She was an active member of the Jane Austen Society of Boston. She leaves her husband, James, and daughter, Mary Vogt.

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**Mary Whippen Carbone** ('52) just completed a textbook entitled *Better Writing* for South-Western Thomson. Congratulations, Mary, on the publication. • **Judith Golden** ('04) of Woburn has been accepted into the graduate English program at the University of Massachusetts at Boston. In her spare time, Judith is studying piano and watching her 13 grandchildren grow up and states that "life is wonderful." Congratulations and good luck with your graduate studies, Judith. • **Helen and Bill MacLachlan** ('75) recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 16, 2005. Congratulations, Helen and Bill. • A group of faithful alumni were present at the June 2, 2005, reunion. The group included **Mary Dacey McLaughlin** ('53) and **John McLaughlin**, **Sister Joanne Westwater** ('53, MSW '55), **Bea O'Hara** ('53), **Julia Hurley McCarthy** ('53), **John and Anne Dacey Foley** ('53), **Clare and Frank McLaughlin** ('54) and **Ed** ('49) and **Mary Croke** ('49). The reunion was a success, and all of us enjoyed seeing Fr. Woods and obtaining an update on higher education in the United States. Thank you, Father, for all that you do. • Please keep me updated on news. I hope you all had a restful summer.



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*The United States  
is now the only  
country where trial  
by jury is still  
an important part  
of the legal order.*

ple who had been staring into the middle distance, as if in a trance, now fixed their gaze on the judge.

Judge Houston briefly—but very slowly, almost as if speaking to children—summarized the nature of the case, and the parties were introduced by name and city of residence: plaintiffs, defendants, attorneys, and a long list of expert witnesses. Then the judge began the lengthy process of *voir dire*, an old French legal term meaning, roughly, “to speak truly”—a process meant to discover who among the jurors summoned will speak the truth once sworn, weeding out

those who might be biased or otherwise incapable of rendering a verdict “according to the evidence.”

In the early years of this country, bias was a relatively simple matter: A juror was considered biased only if he had a personal connection to one of the parties, or stood to profit in some way from the outcome of the trial. Today, however, the concept has expanded to include, more generally, opinions and attitudes, with advanced thinkers in and out of law schools arguing that objective judgment is a myth. Jurors, some now insist, merely channel the social perspectives of their class, race, or ethnic group. *Voir dire* has thus become in many courtrooms a winnowing process of the most ruthless kind.

Attorneys used to make selections based on intuition and the kind of folklore lawyers pass around in their spare time. Nowadays, they often prepare questionnaires for jurors to fill out in the waiting room, or even before they come to court—a task in which they are sometimes aided by jury consulting firms. The questionnaire in the O.J. Simpson case was 75 pages long and contained more than 300 questions.

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side of the back wall, stepping up to the bench and standing at attention while the courtroom came to order. (Judge Houston and his chief clerk, Arthur Sutherland, constituted two-thirds of the black population of Courtroom 7B—the final third being a juror sitting in the crowd on the other side of the bar.) Houston managed the trick of being formal yet friendly. Nothing in his demeanor suggested that he was eager to punish, yet he clearly possessed authority and intended to exercise it. When he did so—as later in the proceedings, when he excused some citizens from jury duty while refusing to excuse others—he spoke crisply, without apology and without rancor.

The judge’s first order of business, after telling us to take our seats, was to greet the jurors and administer an oath, requiring them to swear to give “true answers to all questions put to me by the court, so help me God.” This was the first note of gravity (and the first mention of God), and it seemed to have an effect on at least some of the jurors. The slouchers sat up straight, the fidgeters stopped fidgeting, and peo-



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The 15 questions in Courtroom 7B were mostly predictable: Do you or any family members have a financial interest in the outcome? Have you already formed an opinion? Some probed the jurors' connections to and experiences with health care: Are you a doctor, or do you have a doctor in your family? Have you ever used the services of a fertility clinic, and if so, were you satisfied? Have you ever brought a lawsuit against a doctor or health care facility? One question touched on a political controversy: Are you a member of a tort reform organization? (A juror who agreed with the reformers that many civil cases are either frivolous or extortionary would be an undesirable choice for the plaintiff in a case like this.) Another probed larger issues: Do you have a religious or ethical objection to in vitro fertilization? The very last question concerned what was probably on everyone's mind all along: Since the case might take up to two weeks, do you have a conflict that would make you "unable to sit"?

After each question, those answering yes held up yellow cards showing their juror number. The court officers read the numbers out loud, and they were recorded by the clerk and the court reporter, who repeated everything into a microphone that wrapped around her face like an oxygen mask. When all the questions had been asked and the answers recorded, the jurors were called in random sequence. If a juror had not answered yes to any of the questions, he or she was simply asked to take one of the 16 numbered blue seats reserved for the jury in this trial. Those who had answered yes to at least one question—and about two-thirds had, nearly half answering yes to the scheduling question—were examined more closely by the judge in a corner of the courtroom,



one by one, with the attorneys present. If the judge was satisfied that a person's answer really did amount to a disqualification, the juror was excused "for cause" and escorted to the waiting room to face the possibility of an afternoon *voir dire* for a different trial. (Most of those excused were visibly relieved, and one even thanked God for her deliverance.) If the judge felt that a disqualification was not required, the person was told to take one of the numbered seats—a distinction that clearly came as an unpleasant shock to several.

The first eight people called were excused by Judge Houston, an indication that the process would take a long time. Since I was close enough to the corner to hear snatches of conversation, I was able to guess at the reasons for many of the dismissals: child care problems; elderly parents at home; medical conditions that made it difficult to sit for hours at a stretch; relatives in the health care business; language limitations. The only two elderly jurors were excused because of poor health. Excuses that did not work: loosely defined work difficulties; a final exam at Harvard; an important new medical internship; indispensability to an employer.



When a juror had a personal or family connection to the health care industry, the judge pressed the issue: Do you feel that you can be impartial in this case? This was the escape route for bad citizens: All who answered yes were told to take a seat; all who answered no were excused. If I can read smirks correctly, some jurors understood this very well.

As soon as 16 jurors were seated, the lawyers got their say, retiring to the corner with the judge and their notes. Now they could exercise their "peremptory" challenges, demanding that a juror be removed without having to name a cause. Jurors deemed acceptable by the judge might prove unacceptable to the attorneys, and indeed, the attorneys on both sides were considerably choosier, which meant that *voir dire* took four hours to complete. Each of the first 16 jurors seated was eventually replaced, and some of the seats were filled briefly by several different candidates. By the time the process was completed, in midafternoon, only 25 of the 120 original candidates remained in the courtroom. Twelve jurors and four alternates had been selected, leaving only nine jurors who were never called. The nine dutifully trooped back to the waiting room, though it was obvious that their day of obligation was rapidly coming to an end.

MANY OF THE controversies surrounding the jury system focus on the process of *voir dire*, and especially on the use of peremptory challenges. Are peremptories being used for intolerable ends? Do courts allow too many? (Each side in Judge Houston's case had 15, a matter controlled partly by statute and partly by the judge.) Peremptories have been used in the past to keep blacks and other minorities off juries, and some critics charge that they are still being used for this illicit purpose. In Great Britain, the Criminal Justice Act of 1988 abolished peremptories after a long history of complaints about all-white juries in criminal trials with black defendants. The late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall supported their abolition in this country, arguing in a concurring opinion in *Batson v. Kentucky* (1986) that "the inherent potential of peremptory challenges to . . . [permit] the exclusion of jurors on racial grounds should . . . lead the Court to ban them entirely from the criminal justice system." The *Batson* decision held that the intentional use of peremptories to exclude blacks was unconstitutional—but the distinction between intentional and frequent is sometimes hard to prove in court.

Many lawyers agree with the logic of *Batson* but are nevertheless reluctant to abandon peremptories, and since legislatures and courts are filled with lawyers, peremptories are probably here to stay. They give attorneys some control (or perhaps only the illusion of control) over the unpredictability of juries, and, with the right questions, increase the odds of avoiding the least desirable jurors and seating the friendlier ones. If your client has been charged with drunk driving, it helps to know and might matter that a juror's cousin was

once injured by a drunk driver. Lawyers are also on the lookout for jurors who appear to be inflexible, bad-tempered, or arrogant. Such people are immune to evidence and argument, and *voir dire* is an opportunity to separate the "conscientious and rational," to borrow Judge Story's phrase, from those who, in his day, were known as "pudding-heads."

My guide to Courtroom 7B, an attorney with trial experience, pointed out several jurors who he predicted, correctly, would be challenged, including the medical intern whose important new job failed to get her excused by the judge—and whose body language and expression indicated that she was put out about serving. No one wants a juror who spends the entire trial trying to work out who is to blame for the great inconvenience of having to perform a civic duty.

SINCE THE LATE 18th century, if not earlier, legal observers have consistently identified two serious dangers of jury trials, and wherever juries have been abolished or curtailed, these have been the decisive points. Both dangers appear first during the *voir dire*, which is why so much attention is paid to jury selection.

First, the jury system is only as fair as the jurors themselves. Whether arising from cultural prejudices or mass gullibility, juries have been known to send innocent people to prison, let guilty ones go free, and resolve civil disputes inequitably. This is an old, old story. The same Englishmen who praised the jury in the 1700s as the "palladium of our liberties" knew full well what had happened to Roman Catholics and Puritans who went before Anglican juries a hundred years earlier.

Second, ordinary citizens, even when intelligent and fair, do not always understand the most complex cases. Civil cases in particular often present thousands of pages of evidence or involve ingenious interpretations of contracts. Jurors may be required to understand lengthy statutes and weigh technical issues about which even the specialists disagree. How can average citizens navigate "standard practice" among brain surgeons, or reason their way through the labyrinth of the antitrust laws?

Why, then, did our forebears think it was a good idea to leave so many weighty matters to citizens picked at random—"twelve good men and true"?

Historians dispute the origins of the system but generally agree that the earliest, medieval jurors were probably chosen because they were, in effect, expert witnesses. In village England, your neighbors would know best whether you were the sort of man who might get a maiden with child and then lie about it, or the sort of woman who might hex a rival's cow. Gathering the locals to pass judgment on the facts of a case, under the supervision of a judge from the local gentry, was preferable to such ancient methods as trial by dunking (if you were innocent, you sank and drowned). And if the king wanted to hang you, the assistance, or at



least the acquiescence, of your fellow villagers was a convenience. The jury proved a useful way of involving—and implicating—all men in delivering the king's justice.

As the centuries passed, though, the jury became such a familiar part of the legal system that it came to be regarded as a right. What began as a support to the king became a constraint on his authority. If men were to be judged by their peers, then the king could not touch the lives, liberty, or property of his subjects arbitrarily. This protection gained a wider significance in the 1600s when the Stuart monarchs sought to use the seditious libel statutes to punish their enemies. The law of seditious libel made criticizing the government a crime, and truth was no defense against the charge. ("For it is very necessary for all governments that the people should have a good opinion of it," explained Chief Justice Holt in 1704.) Obstinate jurors were often the primary means of defense against misuse of the royal prerogative. Similar abuses in the colonies, and the refusal of juries to acquiesce in them, taught Americans the same lesson. As the British legal scholar Lord Devlin said in 1956, "Trial by jury . . . is the lamp that shows that freedom lives."

But why was such an institution necessary in a republic—where there are no kings to trouble the lives or liberties of citizens? The answer is that our ancestors were suspicious of *everyone*—and the jury was simply one of the "checks and balances" by which they hoped to render the exercise of authority as safe as possible. The temptation to abuse power was a human one, after all, not limited to monarchs. Subsequent experience has proved them right.

In America the jury system also acquired a justification that it could not have had under the Stuarts: Where ordinary citizens have effective control of the government, there must be opportunities to learn the political arts essential to governing wisely. The jury was an institution where such learning could take place. This is what Alexis de Tocqueville meant when he said that the jury is a "school that is free, and always open." By passing judgment that involves penalty—fines, imprisonment, even death—jurors gain an appreciation of the sometimes terrible responsibilities of ruling. The jury system contributed, Tocqueville believed, to the spread of a deeper understanding of the art of governing.

Tocqueville conceded that civil trials were not very good for litigants, because jurors were often asked to judge business practices far removed from the farms or small towns where most of them lived. But the discipline of the law, with its language, its formalities, its guidance by reason, was exactly what a boisterous democracy required. The judge would be the teacher, setting the tone for the jury, initiating its members into the solemn rituals of judgment, and rewarding them in the end with his respect. What was important was not so much what the jurors brought to the courtroom as the lessons they took away with them. Multiplied by thousands of jurors in thousands of trials, the democracy would be ennobled.

MUCH OF WHAT is wrong with the jury system was clearly on display in Courtroom 7B. Boredom and resentment are not a very promising foundation for the defense of our liberties. As the *voir dire* proceeded and one juror after another sought to wriggle off the hook of duty, it was hard not to connect their reluctance with other signs of civic indifference—low voter turnout, the reluctance to pay taxes.

The jury was finally impaneled at about 3:30. Of the 16 seated, 10 were women. Only two of the 16 appeared to be over 50, and 15 were white—the lone black juror among the original 120 was chosen early in the process, and he was not challenged by either side. There were no Asians on the final panel. In fact, there had been very few non-whites of any kind among the 120, which is curious. Massachusetts compiles its master jury list by taking names

randomly from the census records submitted by the state's 351 cities and towns—a practice thought to be more inclusive than the older practice of relying on voter registration lists. Since the lists supplied by municipalities are supposed to include the names of every resident over the age of 17, the demographics of this group—so different from Cambridge and from Middlesex County as a whole—were puzzling. Either many who should have been called were missed, or many who were called failed to respond.

Though it was a lengthy ordeal, the completion of *voir dire* had worked a change in the room's atmosphere. The rejects and escapees were gone, and the courtroom no longer







ry deliberation room

looked like an overcrowded terminal. The room had become quiet, as though something important were about to happen. At the judge's direction, the jurors filed out a side door for a conference with the court officer, who would explain some of the rules and procedures to be followed during the trial: starting times, duration of the lunch break, a warning not to discuss the case with anyone, including fellow jurors. During this recess, Judge Houston retired to his chambers, and the rest of us—attorneys, clerks, officers, and bystanders—waited. And waited.

When Judge Houston finally reappeared behind the bench, he remained standing, signaling to an officer to open the door for the jurors. "All rise for the jury," the judge called out, loudly and dramatically, and we all leapt to attention. Slowly, awkwardly, the jurors entered in single file, found their numbered seats, and, still standing, turned to face Judge Houston. He administered a second oath, in which the jurors swore that they would "render a true verdict according to the evidence in this case, so help me God." The judge cautioned them not to speak to anyone about the

trial, to be fair and impartial, and to reach a verdict based on the facts presented in court and no other considerations. He spoke to them (not slowly now, but in a normal cadence) about the important contribution they were making and of his hope that they would "come away from this experience with a greater appreciation for the jury system and its importance to our way of life." Jury service, he concluded, is "in the finest traditions of American citizenship."

As Judge Houston spoke, the jurors gave him their undivided attention—in marked contrast to the larger group earlier in the day, possibly in marked contrast even to their earlier selves. For a brief period, but unmistakably, these strangers had become a team. However accidentally, even reluctantly, they were embarking on a kind of adventure together, and the judge would be their guide. The case was under way at last.

*Dennis Hale is an associate professor of political science at BC. In Courtroom 7B, the jury ruled against the clinic; the father was awarded \$108,000, far less than the \$3 million he sought.*







# A TERRIBLE BEAUTY

*Inside the Persian carpet trade*

BY BRIAN MURPHY '81

Mazar-i-Sharif, in north central Afghanistan, is a mostly depressing study of Soviet-style planning: long boulevards and cement layer-cake buildings. Some of the business signs are in joyfully liberal English. One pathologist promises his clients “bodily probations of all functions.” A dentist advertises “root searment and cement.”

I'd been in Mazar more than a week without buying a carpet, which was something of a personal record. But now I was sitting in the place of honor, a low leather-and-wood stool in a carpet shop, sipping sweet tea while the merchant, Mohammad Ismail, a bowlegged sprite with a mouth full of gold teeth, lay his wares at my feet. I was weakening, feeling the delicious anticipation that the next carpet will be the one.

Mohammad Ismail kept tempting me with well-made Uzbek and northern Afghan carpets. But the colors were obviously chemical: too jarring and uniform. A common characteristic of natural dyes is subtle variations in hue. It's known as *abrash*, from the Arabic word for dappled, and is caused by factors including slight differences in how wool batches and dyes interact. Even the most masterful natural dyers cannot re-create the exact shade over and over. Nature just won't allow it. So a carpet using, say, three different

batches of madder red wool may show three shifts in color. Many collectors appreciate the *abrash* as part of a carpet's uniqueness. But beware. Some commercial carpet houses purposely imitate the *abrash*.

“Now I know what you want,” Ismail said with a wink.

He reached into a saddlebag and produced a misshapen Turkmen carpet. I knew enough from book illustrations to notice the classic distortions of a wool thread warp and weft. Cotton foundations—far more common since the 19th century—hold a carpet's shape better after wear and washing. Wool tends to shrink and stretch. But a wool foundation is probably a good tip-off that the carpet came from the loom of nomads, who often take down and re-stretch unfinished carpets during their moves, causing further disruptions in the shape. This carpet was nothing special. The *guls*—or graphic motifs—were basic, and the low knot count made the designs appear fuzzy-edged. It was the *abrash* that got me: a series of lovely variations of salmon red.

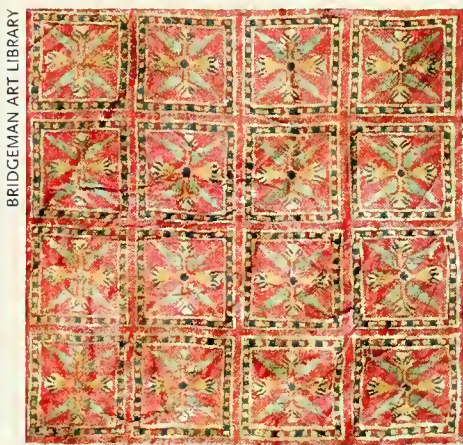
The bargaining commenced. We settled on \$220. It was

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OPPOSITE: The 22-century-old Pazyryk carpet (detail)



The Pazyryk carpet is a gift from nature, like mastodons locked in the tundra or the 5,000-year-old “Ice Man” found frozen in a glacier in the Alps in 1991. The tomb with the carpet apparently filled with water and then froze solid.



Pazyryk carpet (detail)

certainly too much for a low-quality carpet of average size. There's an old chestnut that carpet sellers often serve up to wavering buyers: Forget the price, what does your heart say?

ANY STUDY of carpets funnels back to one question: Where did it all begin?

There are many guesses. Some are based on archaeological or historical clues. Others are aimed at glorifying particular domestic carpet industries. The premise with the widest support points back to the central Asian steppes.

Many carpet scholars believe that long before recorded history, nomads devised tents or windbreaks from flatweaves made of goat hair or other material. The next logical step, the theory suggests, would have been similar ground coverings.

Just when and where knotted pile carpets—individual pieces of spun wool or other material wrapped around foundation threads—became a refined art is a source of speculation among scholars, collectors, and historians.

The only certainty is that loom work was already a highly developed craft by the time a fine carpet—with border figures of horsemen and elk—was placed in a royal tomb in the mountains of southern Siberia more than 22 centuries ago.

The Pazyryk carpet is named for the Siberian valley in which it was found, in 1949, near Russia's borders with Mongolia, Kazakhstan, and China. It has long been the last major landmark for those trying to peer into the origins of carpets. There are just small hints from earlier times that could someday unseat the Pazyryk: bits of older carpet fragments or possible carpet-making tools found in graves from the Bronze Age, between 4,000 and 3,000 B.C. But for decades the Pazyryk has remained the most celebrated find.

It is a gift from nature, like mastodons locked in the tundra or the 5,000-year-old “Ice Man” found frozen in a glacier in the Alps in 1991. The tomb with the carpet apparently filled with water and then froze solid.

Now at the Hermitage Museum, in St. Petersburg, the carpet was discovered inside a *kurgan*, a timber-reinforced

burial mound built for rulers of the Scythian nomad-conquerors and related tribes. By the seventh century B.C., the Scythians had wandered from the central Asian steppes to the plains of eastern Europe, and they later pushed into Mesopotamia and Syria. Some historians believe the prophet Jeremiah was warning of the Scythians when he told the Israelites to prepare for mounted warriors who show “no mercy.”

Whether the Pazyryk carpet was Scythian produced or Scythian plunder, there is little doubt that the Scythians appreciated superior carpet making. The carpet—about six feet by six-and-a-half feet—averages 225 knots per square inch. That is comparable to a well-made modern piece. The central field is composed of squares filled with eight-pointed stars.

Next is a border with images of a mythical creature similar to a griffin, with the head of an eagle and the body of a lion. Another border features grazing elk and a row of horsemen alternating between riders and men walking alongside their steeds. The outermost border is another set of griffin figures.

Sergei I. Rudenko, one of the two Russian archaeologists who discovered the carpet, believed the motifs showed the influence of the Achaemenian dynasty (559–530 B.C.) in Persia because similar horse processions were carved at the ceremonial complex in Persepolis, in what is now southern Iran.

Other scholars question such links and suggest carpets could have developed as part of the interplay between nomads and settled villagers on the steppes of central Asia. The nomads would have provided the wool and other raw materials. The villagers would have had the stability and time to devote to carpet making. Some experts contend that the insect-derived red dyes suggest the Pazyryk was woven in central Asia, near where it was discovered. One researcher has proposed that the Pazyryk weaver could have been an artisan exposed to Persian urban workshop techniques who then traveled to central Asia to live among a group closely related to the Scythians. But others believe the carpet came from farther west, perhaps an area near present-day Turkmenistan and Afghanistan.

FOR DECADES, the economic center of gravity in the carpet world has been drifting east.

Pakistan, India, and China have emerged as new giants





DAVID TURNLEY/CORBIS

Esfahan, Iran, c. 1993

in handwoven carpet exports, taking in at least \$1.8 billion annually, by conservative estimates. Add smaller, but still significant, production from Nepal and Bangladesh, and the value of carpet production in more easterly sections of Asia approaches four times that of Iran's exports.

That has not sat well with some carpet purists, who admire the links to carpets that are prominent in the ancient history of Iran or central Asia. India and its neighbors, however, don't aspire to satisfy the mystique of history. For them, it's mostly straight-up capitalism: a reasonably good product at a competitive price.

Distant consumers may benefit. But local children often pay the price. The backbone of many carpet production sites, particularly in Pakistan and parts of India, is child labor. Children work cheaply—if they are paid at all—and their small and flexible fingers are ideal for intricate weaving. Rights groups have tried to pressure governments to take stronger measures against using children as weavers, but the economic importance of carpet exports often makes authorities tread lightly.

"People must realize there could be some very sad stories behind the carpets that are sitting in their living rooms," says Nina Smith, executive director of the Washington-based Rugmark Foundation, a nonprofit

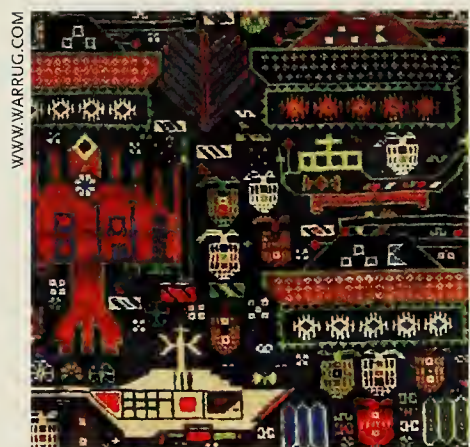
group that is working to encourage weavers to stop using child labor and earn a Rugmark certificate. "The most beautiful carpets can contain an ugly background," she says.

Carpet production on the Indian subcontinent is not well documented before the 16th century. Some scholars believe pile weaving techniques may have been introduced centuries before by traders from central Asia and armies bringing Islam from the west. But the end of the Muslim Moghul dynasty in 1859 signaled a change. Carpets became widely seen as an important moneymaker in foreign markets, particularly in "mother England." Workshops sprang up to make lower-priced copies of the most salable designs, often Persian. There was enough expertise—and market savvy—to please European and American buyers. But these carpets are widely dismissed by collectors and experts because of the assembly-line approach used to create them, and shortcuts such as the *jufti*, or double knot, that grabs together four warps instead of two.

In 1947, the subcontinent was partitioned, and mostly Muslim Pakistan was born. With its birth came a new and independent force in carpets. The Islamabad government was less inward-looking than that of New Delhi. The nimble Pakistani merchant class moved aggressively to cater to



One distinctive design started in the 1980s was the so-called war carpet, showing tanks, MIG warplanes, and, of course, the fighter's best friend, the AK-47. The weavers even modified the traditional paisley-style motifs into hand grenades.



Contemporary Afghan war rug (detail)

Western tastes and began to invent a local carpet tradition in a region with no clear legacy of weaving or carpet design. The Pakistani spin is that many of its regions are historically linked to central Asia, Afghanistan, and Persia. Pakistan also encourages the notion that carpets would be a natural outgrowth of woven garments produced by the ancient Indus River civilizations.

One of the early Pakistani successes was the attractively named Bokhara, essentially a knockoff of Turkmen motifs with modifications such as simplified *guls* and distinctive colors, such as green or ivory. Western buyers also took to Pakistan's use of the soft wool from merino sheep that was sometime imported from as far away as New Zealand. It's less durable than the coarser wool favored in Persian carpets, but it adds a sense of luxury that many Westerners find appealing.

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 sent millions of refugees into Pakistan, a godsend to the Pakistani carpet houses. The refugees brought weaving skills and traditions, and could be exploited at rock-bottom pay. Pakistani carpet exports soared, reaching to about \$300 million in 2000. One distinctive design started in the 1980s was the so-called war carpet, showing tanks, MIG warplanes, and, of course, the fighter's best friend, the AK-47. The weavers even modified the traditional paisley-style motifs into hand grenades.

Some Afghans trickled back in their country after the Soviet withdrawal. The big return, however, didn't begin until after the fall of the Taliban in late 2001. Pakistani carpet workshops were gutted. About 60 percent of Pakistan's carpet exports had been produced by Afghan refugee weavers before 2002, and exports fell by more than 25 percent during 2001–02 under double blows: the global economic fallout from September 11 and Afghan repatriation.

Pakistani carpet exporters have since turned to Pakistani weavers in greater numbers to replace the departing Afghans, and in March 2004, government officials announced plans for a "textile city" near Karachi.

But it is China that may shape the carpet market in

coming decades. Chinese carpets did not have a significant role in the world market until World War I, when routes to Iran and the Middle East were blocked. Weaving centers emerged in Beijing and the port of Tianjin. Both closely followed American preferences. Over time, motifs such as interlocking "cloud bands" and mythical creatures like the dragon and the temple-guardian fu dog gave way to a more generic style, with geometric motifs and flowing lotus blossoms.

Increasingly, however, Chinese workshops are turning out Persian designs and anything else that sells. And the competition will need to lower costs to stay in the game. In the carpet trade, this has led in one direction in the past: more child weavers.

The United Nation's International Labor Office estimates that the millennium opened with about 186 million child laborers under the age of 15. Of these, at least 5.7 million were involved in forced or bonded labor in activities that include carpet weaving. But that's as close as it comes to an accurate figure. Some activist groups place the number at close to three million, concentrated in India and Pakistan.

For the carpet business, the advantages of child labor are chilling but obvious: long hours, few complaints, and salaries of just a few dollars a day or less. It's nothing new. The same logic applied in Victorian factories and the textile mills of 19th-century New England.

But the carpet world is not made up of redbrick complexes. "Just finding these places is half the battle," says Rugmark's Nina Smith.

Then there is a vast cultural divide to overcome. Western sensibilities recoil at the idea of indentured servitude, by which families of child weavers receive regular payments from the carpet bosses. But to a destitute family, the payment could mean food and survival.

"We immediately think, how dare they do that? You know, who would have the heart to allow a seven- or eight-year-old child to weave a carpet?" a carpet importer, Mehmet Yalchin, told Common Ground Radio in an interview broadcast in November 2002. "We don't realize the conditions they live in. We don't realize sometimes that if it weren't for the seven-year-old weaving, his six-member family could be dying of hunger.

"Sure, you will see a four-year-old Afghan boy or girl weaving—this is when they start doing these things. Anyway, this is part of life for them. But I don't think it's fair





Carpet dealer at the second annual Tibetan Carpet International Exhibition, Qinhai, China, 2005

to call that child slave labor. I mean it's like sending one of our kids to piano lessons. There, they're weaving carpets."

Not all can accept these cultural rationalizations.

"This is just an excuse by governments and the carpet industry not to do anything," says Ehsan Ullah Khan, a former leader of the Pakistani branch of the Bonded Labor Liberation Front, a group that tries to expose issues of slavery and illegal child workers. "This is not about cultural differences. It's about children's rights—basic, universal human rights—in all countries."

Tragedy brought Khan's group into the headlines. On April 16, 1995, a former child weaver turned activist, Iqbal Masih, died after being torn apart by more than 120 pellets from a shotgun blast. He was just 12. But he was credited with liberating more than 3,000 children from work in carpet workshops, tanneries, steel plants, quarries, and other industries. Khan immediately blamed the Pakistani "carpet mafia" for the slaying. Authorities looked elsewhere. An initial police report claimed Masih was killed by an embarrassed farmhand whom he caught "in a compromising position" with a donkey. A week after Masih's murder, thousands of children joined protests in Lahore to demand an end to child labor.

Khan and his group faced an all-out assault: police intim-

idation, court probes, and relentless criticism and innuendo in the government-friendly press. He fled Pakistan months after the killing. Eventually he took Swedish citizenship and now travels the world speaking about child labor practices. His group—widely known as the BLLF—believes there has been some success in reducing the child workforce in industries such as the manufacture of garments and sporting goods. The reason: a combination of consumer awareness and political will. The carpet industry lags badly, though. Its fragmented nature and millions of looms complicate attempts to monitor and regulate labor practices.

"There is a lot of lip service going on," Khan told me. "Child labor is still a pillar of the carpet industry in some parts of the world. But there continues to be a denial of the problem. If there is a will, there is a way, I say. Market pressure and consumer pressure are important. We can build it. But you also need political will. That will come only if governments and carpet makers fear a loss of revenue because consumers will turn away from their carpets because of child labor use."

ON THE EDGE of a dingy room in Mazar-i-Sharif, four boys—all under 10 years old—worked on upright looms copying Persian tribal designs from pages ripped from mag-



"How long will you work here?" I asked the boy. "That is not my decision," he said softly. "They may be home soon," whispered the merchant, who refused to leave my side as I spoke with the boys. "We could leave any day."



Late 19th-century Sultanabad carpet

azines. Some of the intricate patterns had been enlarged on a photocopier and were marked by grids. Piles of wool were scattered at the boys' feet. An electric space heater, which looked like a glowing butterfly, buzzed in a corner. A crate held some pottery and samples of Mazar's famous hand-blown blue glass goblets.

The whole place screamed of impermanence, as if they could close up shop and hit the road at a moment's notice. In fact, I learned, that was precisely the idea.

Fatihullah, another carpet dealer, had given me the address, but he wouldn't come along. Carpet competitors keep a healthy distance from one another, and there is good reason. In a city where almost everyone is armed, it's best to steer clear of possible quarrels. The workshop was near a gym where the image of Atlas had been painted on the wall, his comically pumped-up muscles holding up the earth, and his face now blasted to oblivion by Taliban AK-47 rounds. A little man in plastic sandals came scurrying in. "Yes?" he panted, thinking we were there to shop. He took my hand and led me inside. The four boys didn't stop working.

"Can I show you something?" he asked.

"Yes," I decided. "I'd like to see carpets of local design."

"What do you mean?"

"Things made by Mazar weavers, like Waziri, maybe."

For once I felt I had the advantage. I had done some reading about Mazar carpets and at least could bluff my way a bit. The Waziri design features a typical eight-sided *gul* with broken and nontraditional motifs inside.

"But, sir, I have none of these now. Come back tomorrow, yes? I will bring you to my cousin's shop," the merchant said.

There's always a cousin.

"Okay," I said. "But tell me about your place."

He squinted. "What is there to say?"

"I want to know what the boys are weaving."

"Carpets."

"Yes, I know. I mean what designs? Where are the carpets going?"

He could tell I wasn't going to back off.

"You aren't with the U.N., are you?" he said, growing suspicious.

"No, I'm a journalist. I'm interested in carpets."

"Ah, a *joor-ne-list*." He smiled, using one of the English words he'd picked up. "Then you are welcome. I will tell you."

The carpets would eventually end up in Pakistan for export. It's very possible the buyers would never know the carpets came from Mazar, thinking perhaps they were authentic Mashhad Baluch from Iran. And the boys were part of a shadow world that is still outside the full scrutiny and pressure of international child labor groups. They came from villages scattered around northern Afghanistan. Their families, I was told, initiated contact with workshops such as this. The workshops provide a small wage, food, and a place for the boys to stay. The culture of Afghanistan makes it impossible for girls to obtain work. Their young brothers, instead, get the opportunity to toil 12 hours at a stretch for about \$1.

"This is not a bad life for them," the merchant insisted. "It could be worse. You know some parents sell their children."

It was an incredible statement. But I knew he was right.

I had already met parents who had sold their infants to better-off families for desperately needed money to feed the brood left behind. In February 2002, while on assignment in northern Afghanistan, I stopped along the main Kabul highway east of Mazar. There I found hundreds of starving and displaced Afghans living in dank caves—many of which were lined with carpets—dug into a hillside. A widower, Mohammad Hashim, told me he had sold his two-year-old son to a merchant family in Mazar who wanted a boy. They weren't interested in his older son, who is almost completely deaf from an ear infection. Hashim received \$30 for the toddler, about half of what I was paying my translator per day.

It's possible to take issue with the dowry system and how it sets values for prospective brides. But at least it can be understood. I could not begin to appreciate the desperation that led to putting a price tag on your child. My wife knows I still dream about that place, how Hashim hugged the deaf son he had wanted to sell, how coughs and sobs rose up from the caves as if the earth itself were sick.

I followed the boys from the carpet workshop to their quarters in the same building. Bedrolls were pushed against the walls and clothes hung from hooks. One boy had made a





GETTY IMAGES

Nine-year-old boy at the Sharifi Carpet Factory in Kabul, Afghanistan

picture of his perfect moment: a huge sun, a family picnic, and birds overhead. He didn't include any carpets.

"Do you miss your family?" I asked him.

"Yes," he confided, "but we are helping them."

He showed me a sock filled with afghanis. "I will come home and they will be proud," he said.

"How long will you work here?" I asked.

"That is not my decision," he said softly.

"They may be home soon," whispered the merchant, who refused to leave my side as I spoke with the boys. "We could leave any day."

THE BOYS WERE still in Mazar when I looked in on them two weeks later. This time I brought them each sweets and fruit from the market. The only change was that the heater had been turned off. Winter was ending. There had already been a few warm days that dried the puddles and brought an explosion of chubby, lethargic flies.

The morning I left Mazar I awoke just after the dawn call to prayers. I wanted to have a full day to deal with the expected complications at the Uzbek border.

I watched a favorite spectacle for a last time: In the grainy dawn, men arrive with carpets they hope to sell to dealers or peddle on their own. They exchange no words. There are no

stray movements. The brightening sky turns the tiles on the shrine from deep indigo to a brilliant cobalt blue.

The men are etched by Mazar's dust, a talc-fine powder that works its way into everything. It streaks their beards the color of milky tea and forms little crescents of grit under their fingernails.

They unwind part of their turbans and place the loose strip over their mouths. Then they start to pound the carpets before the shopkeepers arrive with their jingling keys and nicely trimmed beards. Yellow-brown clouds rise with each blow and float downwind like ghosts. For hours, as the city awakens and the bazaar stalls reopen, the thump of the carpet men keeps a familiar, steady rhythm.

It sounds like a heartbeat.

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Hundreds of visitors come to Boston College each year to deliver public lectures. Some are famous, others are known mainly to the cognoscenti of specialized intellectual fields. These are some of the individuals who spoke in the halls of the University this past year.

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▲ John O'Malley, SJ, scholar of Church history, February 21, Gasson 100



▲ Lt. Gen. Roméo Dallaire, U.N. peacekeeper in Rwanda, November 30, Heights Room





Ann Coulter, political commentator, November 19, Rec Plex





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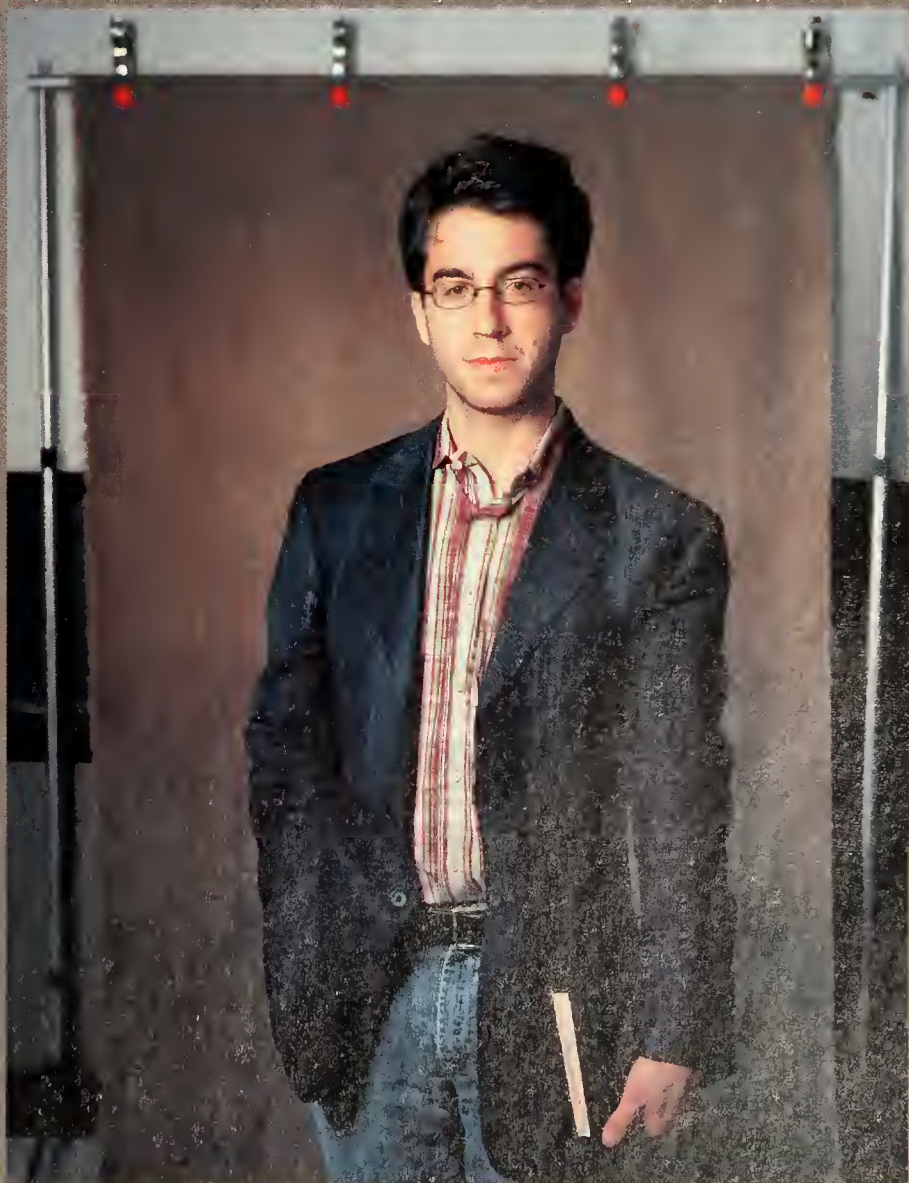
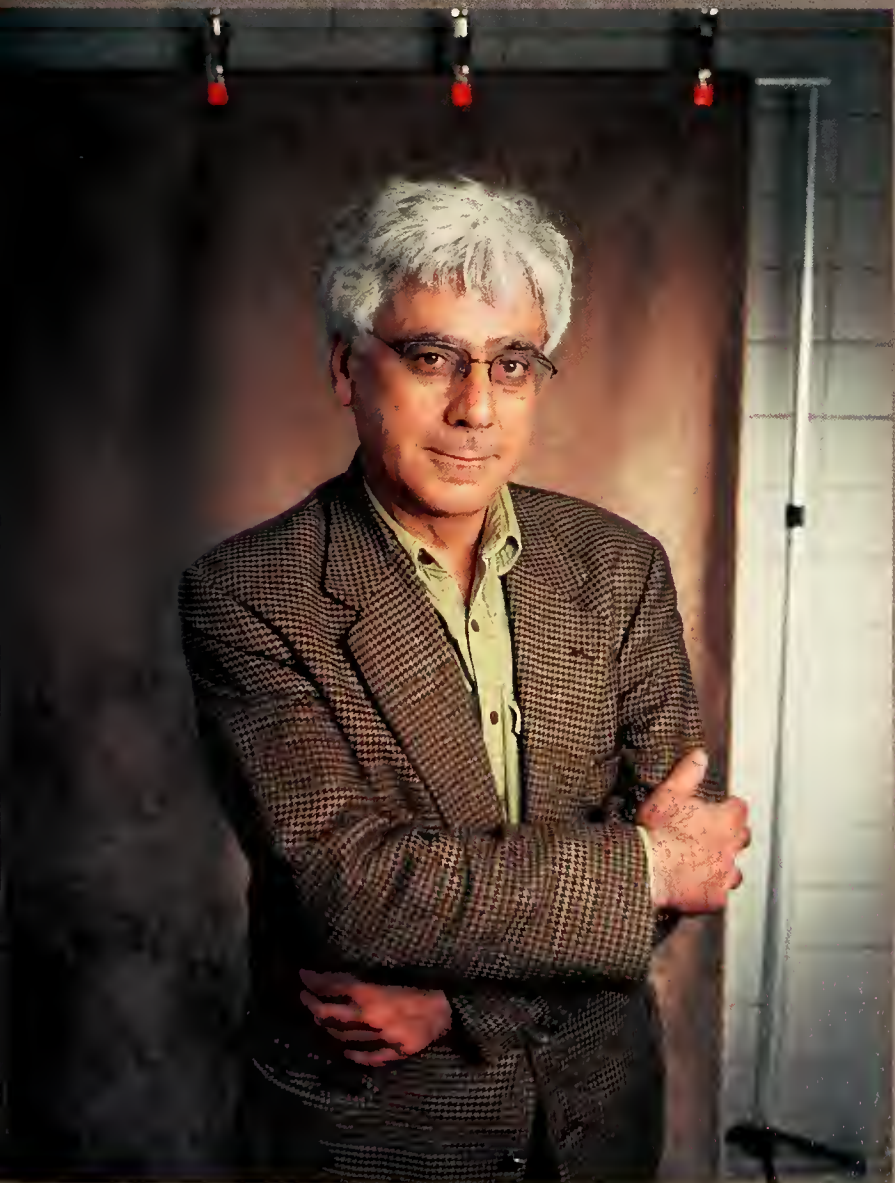
▲ Michael Eric Dyson, author of *Is Bill Cosby Right?* January 31, Devlin 101

▼ Sari Nusseibeh, president of al-Quds University, April 14, Carney 302



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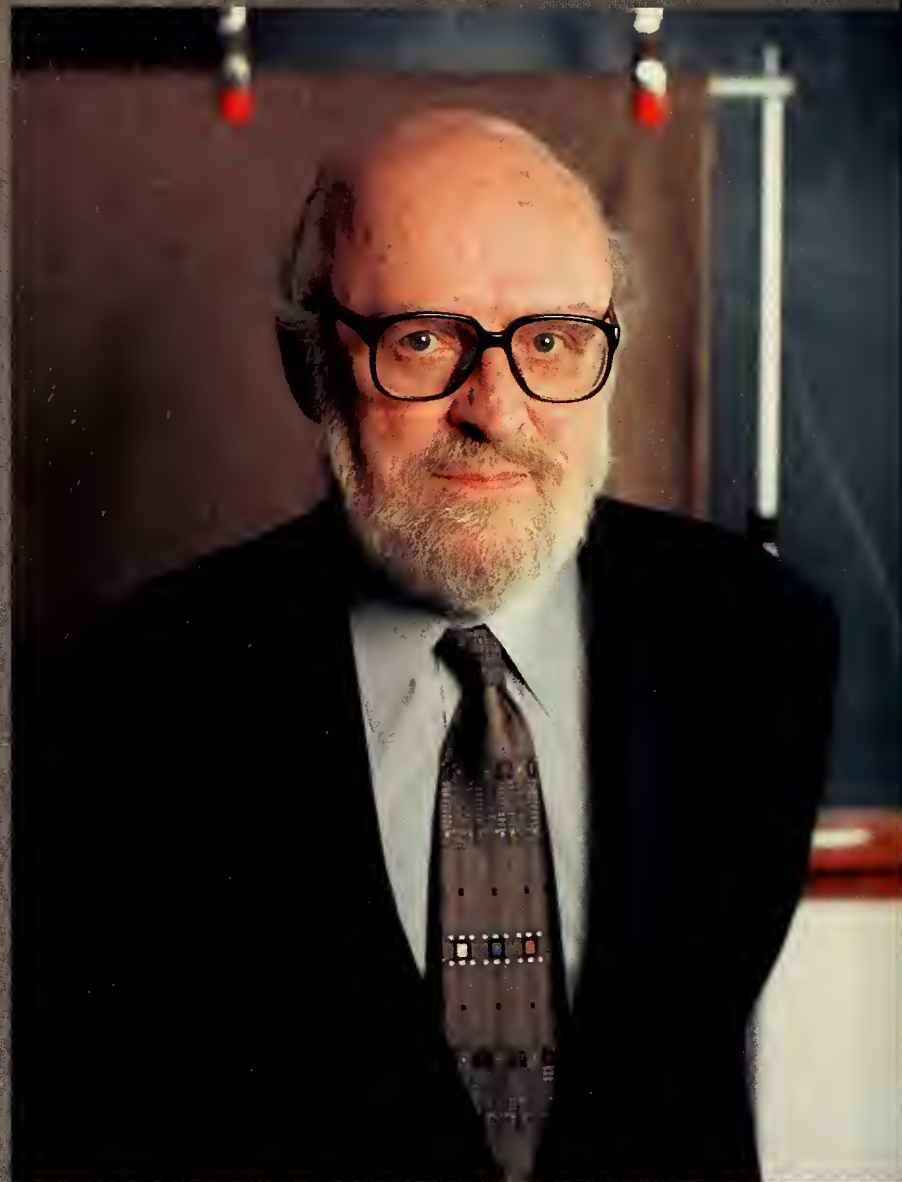






▲ Helen Alvaré, law professor, March 16, McGuinn 121

▼ Billy Collins, U.S. Poet Laureate 2001–03, April 28, Devlin 008



▲ David Tracy, philosopher and theologian, March 30, Devlin 101

▼ Helen Prejean, CSJ, death penalty foe, March 16, Robsham Theater







▲ Dorothy Cross, multimedia artist, April 14, Devlin 008



## DEFINING LEADERSHIP

Albert Schweitzer once remarked that example is the only thing that influences others; example, in other words, defines leadership. As one of 50 BC freshmen selected last year for the Emerging Leader Program (ELP), Souzana Obretenova '08 is learning this definition of leadership first-hand. ELP's lecture series and community service opportunities introduce Obretenova and her fellow students to industry leaders, offering the students the chance to witness leaders setting examples for others and inspiring the students to set examples of their own. "Listening to the ELP speakers while participating in the community service and activity component has helped me to synthesize a definition of what it means to be a leader," Obretenova says.

Obretenova was recently recognized for her own potential to inspire others when she



University President William P. Leahy, SJ, Souzana Obretenova '08, and Chief Executives' Club speaker and honoree Dominic D'Alessandro

was awarded this year's CEO Club Scholarship at a meeting of the Chief Executives' Club of Boston. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Patrick T. Stokes '64 established the Chief Executives' Club Speakers Forum Scholarship Fund at BC

in 2003 to honor outstanding corporate leaders and to provide scholarship assistance to promising BC students. The scholarship provides four years of scholarship assistance to a BC student on his or her way to becoming a future leader. At

the same time, the scholarship is named in recognition of an influential leader in the business community; this year, the scholarship was named for Chief Executives' Club speaker and financial services leader Dominic D'Alessandro. "I was honored to receive the award and to hear D'Alessandro speak," Obretenova says. "His remarks about health care reform were particularly insightful and echoed many of my own interests."

For her part, what motivates Obretenova is gratitude for what she has been given and the desire to find better opportunities for others. "My parents moved here from Bulgaria when I was just nine years old, and they made a lot of sacrifices to ensure that I would have more opportunities. They taught me that there's always a better chance, always a better answer."

## Record breakers

Reunion 2005 will be remembered for unprecedented numbers of graduates returning to campus to reminisce with old friends as well as for particular events, like the performance by Jim Lucie '65 and the Heightsmen. But most notable this reunion year were the gifts given by the "o's and 5's." Committed class leadership matched with remarkable individual generosity proved to be a winning combination for BC alumni across all classes, who celebrated their reunions by making gifts that

expressed their deep appreciation for the University.

Within the grand total of \$23,656,854 raised by all reunion classes, four classes in particular set significant new records for giving:

- Led by Reunion Gift Chair John Griffin, the Class of 1965 raised \$7,433,447, more than doubling the previous record for a 40th reunion.
- Alumni from the Class of 1970 demonstrated their collective generosity once again with

a record-setting 35th-reunion gift. Under the leadership of Gift Chair Jay Yost, the class contributed \$4,350,376.

- The Class of 1980, led by Gift Co-chairs Bill Geary and Paul Vanderslice, surpassed the previous mark for a 25th-reunion gift by more than \$1 million. With 16 classmates stepping forward to make commitments of \$100,000 or more, the class raised \$3,957,483.
- In the Class of 1985, twice as many classmates served on the reunion campaign committee as ever had before. Under the

leadership of Gift Chair Randy Seidl, the class set a 20th-reunion record with a gift of \$2,266,387.

Reunion 2005 also saw great diversity in terms of the priorities for alumni giving. In addition to making much-needed unrestricted gifts, alumni chose to support research programs, scholarships, graduate fellowships, and athletics. A significant number of alumni also made planned gifts. Preparations are already well under way for classes celebrating their reunions in 2006.



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- There is no typical scholarship recipient at BC. The median income of families receiving need-based aid is approximately \$75,000.
- BC awarded nearly \$51 million in need-based scholarship assistance last year, an increase of \$7 million over the previous year.

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## FAVORITE MEMORY OF BC?

What has really stayed with me is the whole experience of living in the dorms—the people, the late-night conversations, and the football and basketball games we all attended together. I grew up in a small town, and suddenly, at BC, I found myself living with people from all over the country, who were studying every subject imaginable. They all seemed so interesting, and I felt like I learned something from every one of those late-night conversations.

## I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO BC FOR...

Well, my first response is a very personal one because I met my wife at BC. I am very grateful for that! I am also grateful for the many close friends I made there, and the shared history that we have built together. I remember sitting in the Roberts Center with all of the other freshmen on our very first day. Our parents had all gone home and in walked Fr. [J. Donald] Monan. The first thing he said to us was, "Look to your left and then look to your right. These people will be your friends for life." Now, some 22 years later, I can say that he was absolutely right. You can still find us attending almost every football game together.

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# Identity crisis

**AT A BC CONFERENCE, PRIESTS MET TO TALK ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS,  
THEIR HAPPINESS, THEIR DIFFERENCES**

**BY WILLIAM BOLE**

The 130 scholars and clergy who registered on campus for a conference on the "Roman Catholic Priesthood in the 21st Century," June 15–17, did not need a wake-up call about the urgency of their subject, but they found the message anyway, in their morning newspapers. On the final day of the gathering, sponsored by BC's Church in the 21st Century Initiative with financial support from the Order of Malta, attendees were greeted to headline news about the U.S. Catholic bishops voting overwhelmingly to retain the so-called "zero-tolerance" policy toward priest-molesters. The day before, the *Boston Globe* ran a page-three feature about fledgling priests being hurled prematurely into pastorates, there to fly or fall, because of the diminishing ranks of clergy.

To speak of a "crisis" in American Catholicism is to speak inevitably of the priesthood. That was plainly evident even before the revelations of child sexual abuse by priests in many dioceses and what has sometimes been portrayed as cover-ups by bishops. Besides the scandals that broke three years ago, the U.S. clergy drain has been one of the most talked-about subjects of Catholic concern (the number of graduate seminarians, for instance, has declined by more than 60 percent in roughly the past 30 years). But conference goers spent the bulk of their time considering what theology has had to say about the priesthood in recent years, and the attitude of U.S. priests toward their calling.

Indeed, the very question of what it means to be a priest has been "one of the most neuralgic issues" since the Second Vatican Council (1962–65), said Susan K. Wood, SCL, a theologian at St. John's University in Minnesota, whose talk opened the conference. Specifically, Wood was referring to the tensions extending along two connotations of priesthood carried forward from Vatican II: the "common priesthood," which cites the calling of all baptized Christians to build the Body of Christ; and the "ministerial priesthood," or the ordained clergy, which is at the service of the common priesthood.

IN RECENT YEARS, the Church's highest authorities have grown anxious about what they view as a collective identity crisis among the clergy. The Holy See has sought to affirm the essential difference between the common priesthood of the faithful and the ordained priesthood, underlining the profoundly greater authority of the latter, according to Wood. She labeled this "defensive driving," an attempt to divert momentum away from the burgeoning roles of the laity, especially lay professional ministers who help tend parish flocks.

Among priests, many attendees acknowledged, there are two main theological camps. One adheres to a so-called priestly cultic model, which was the leading buzz phrase of the conference; it thrives on the notion that by virtue of ordination, priests are ontologically apart, different in their very being from the ordinary faithful. The other camp styles itself according to a servant model, the second-leading buzz phrase of the conference; it accentuates the vocation that priests and laity have in common to minister to the people of God. "Servant" priests think of themselves as working in concert with the faithful. "Cultic" priests pursue their identity through ministries only priests can perform, particularly sacramental ministries. They were not a noticeable presence at this gathering.

The cultic view is rising, however, as shown in survey research presented by sociologist Dean R. Hoge of Catholic University. (See "Facts and Figures," page 52.) This is not news to liberal priests of a certain age. At one dinner table on the first night of the gathering, three pastors traded laments about younger, conservative priests casting themselves in opposition to the mainly middle-aged, servant-style clerics.

Generational factors surfaced also in a breakout session to discuss the associations of priests that have emerged in a handful of dioceses. The right to associate was one of the "moral rights" of priests proposed in a talk by James Keenan, SJ, akin, he said, to the moral rights of all people "to food, or





Breakout session, June 16

work, or health care.” The BC theologian enumerated six moral rights for priests “with the hope that they may be eventually articulated into canonical precepts,” including the right to share in the ministry of the bishop, the right “to privacy,” and the right “to fair treatment.” One group that has exercised the associational right is the Boston Priests’ Forum, started by diocesan priests in 2001 as a study and support group; members of the forum helped orchestrate calls for the resignation of Cardinal Bernard Law in the wake of the sexual abuse revelations in 2002.

Fr. Thomas Mahoney of the priests’ forum noted that there are no young clerics in the association. “I’m 45, and I’m the youngest guy,” said Mahoney, an archdiocesan priest who chaired the discussion session. When the forum tried to reach younger priests by direct mail, a few fired back letters and e-mails demanding to be taken off the distribution list. One younger priest characterized the Boston Priests’ Forum as “opposing legitimate authority” in the Church, according to Mahoney’s account.

A portion of Dean Hoge’s research into these clergy camps did not go down well with the audience, namely his findings that younger and more conservative priests of the cultic variety tend to have higher morale than the servant-style priests, although they are notably less happy about working with lay professional ministers. Could it be, some suggested, that Hoge and other researchers are simply picking up the fact that cultic priests feel things are going their way in today’s institutional Church, doctrinally speaking? That was the gist of a question by Fr. Michael Himes, who took a lead role in organizing the conference through BC’s theology department. “You’re absolutely right,” Hoge replied.

CLERICAL HAPPINESS WAS an issue on its own at the gathering. Much has been said about the flagging morale of celibate clergy, both since and prior to the abuse crisis, but Hoge reported that research has not substantiated these worries. “The level of happiness is pretty high,” he said, pointing to findings that nearly nine in 10 Catholic priests say they would choose their calling again, a figure comparable to other American men of similar age and education. He

was referring primarily to a major study he conducted in 2001, before the molestation scandals. A scattering of research since then has yielded similar findings.

A contrasting view prevailed, however, at a breakout session titled “The Priest and Parish Burnout.”

“I’m skeptical when I hear that priestly morale is fine,” said Fr. James Burns, a psychologist who led the session and conducts research through Boston University’s Daniels Center for the Study of Religion and Psychology. “I’m around a lot of dioceses and archdioceses, and priest morale is not great. It’s not in the toilet, but it’s not great.” His fear is that many priests will hear experts say clergy morale is surprisingly high, and wonder, “Wow! What’s wrong with me?”

When asked about these and similar comments made during the small-group session, Hoge allowed that priest-morale research has been spasmodic at best. “I wouldn’t want to overplay it,” he clarified in an interview, referring to research both pre- and post-crisis. “I wouldn’t say it’s definitive at all.” His assumption is that the scandals have tamped down morale, but the evidence is anecdotal.

One ambition of the conference was to scope out possible directions for the priesthood in the 21st century. Among other theological motifs, Sr. Wood suggested an alternative way of conceiving the difference between priests and laity. Look at priests “almost as an extension of the episcopacy,” as formal representatives of the Church, she proposed. In other words, stress their institutional roles, not their state in life as purportedly higher spiritual beings. Edward P. Hahnenberg, a theologian at Xavier University in Cincinnati had another thought: Stop “obsessing” over the difference between the ordained and common priesthoods. Think of priests as helping laypeople carry out the common vocation, to spread the Gospel of Jesus.

More than one speaker invited the audience to imagine the possibilities latent within a single statistic: 35,000 men and women serving in lay professional ministries in the United States, a sampling of whom attended the conference. “Could you envision that as an enormous pool for ordination? We would have our pick among ministers who have already proven themselves,” Fr. Eugene Lauer of the



National Pastoral Life Center in New York submitted in the closing talk.

Hoge had already presented findings that the Church could put an end to the perceived shortage of priests in the United States by making celibacy optional. But he'd added, "We're not supposed to talk about that."

Alluding to those words, one pastor remarked in a conversation, "I'm just sick of not being allowed to talk about

things." For three days he found a place to talk and listen in Chestnut Hill, and wound up asking to be quoted by name. He is Fr. Thomas Ivory. He was joined at the conference by two of his lay pastoral associates at the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

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# Facts and figures

## THE STATE OF THE PRIESTHOOD

BY DEAN R. HOGE

As preparations got under way for the election of a new pope in April 2005, there was no lack of attention paid in the media and academe to problems facing the Catholic Church today. Near the top of most observers' lists was a shortage of priests.

The number of Roman Catholics in the world is increasing. The total number now is about 1.06 billion, reflecting a growth in membership of 25 percent since 1985 (nearly matching the world's population growth of 27 percent). But growth in the number of priests has been zero.

In the United States alone, membership in the Church has grown 21 percent since 1985, while the number of priests has fallen off by 15 percent, to approximately 43,300 priests. Europe has seen virtually no growth in membership, and the number of priests there has declined by 11 percent (the sole exception to this trend being Poland, where the priesthood has grown by more than a third). Africa and Asia, on the other hand, have seen large increases in priests—55 percent and 60 percent, respectively—as well as in Church membership. In these regions the number of Catholics has grown 87 percent and 51 percent, respectively. Central America, the Caribbean, and South America haven't been far behind.

Put plainly, the wealthy Western nations are losing priests, while virtually all of the rest of the world is gaining them, though not always fast enough.

And yet, it is in the wealthy regions of the world where

Catholics have had, and still have, the greatest access to priests. Let us look more closely at the availability of priests in the United States. There were 1,453 laity per priest in this country in 2003 (compared with 652 back in 1950, and 778 in 1965). Since the 1980s, the number of priests has dropped 10 to 12 percent per decade, and there are signs of a continuing decline in the years ahead. The average age of nonretired priests in 2001, for instance, was 56.

The number of U.S. ordinations has ranged between 440 and 540 annually in recent years, but with a long-term gradual decline. Today American seminaries are producing priests at between 35 and 45 percent of the number needed to keep the priesthood at a constant size. Meanwhile the U.S. Catholic membership has been increasing about 10 to 12 percent per decade, largely as a result of immigration and the larger number of children that immigrants have.

For all that, the assertion that we face a priest shortage in the United States needs to be assessed carefully. A shortage can be defined in several ways. The first is a statistical measure: the number of Catholics per priest. Objective and simple, this measure would lead us to conclude that the United States faces no priest shortage relative to other parts of the world. In Africa, for instance, the number of Catholics per priest is nearly four times higher.

The second definition depends on the *feeling* of lay



Catholics that a priest shortage exists. It is instructive to remember that in the United States there was no discussion of a “priest shortage” until the 1980s, when the decline in the availability of priests became perceptible. In Latin America, which has never enjoyed a large number of priests, a style of Catholicism grew up over the centuries that doesn’t require many priests. Latin Americans have evolved a family-based or home-based Catholicism that is less parish-based than what we have in our own country; religion is taught by mothers and grandmothers and practiced in the home, without benefit of weekly Mass attendance or frequent sacraments. There is no perceived priest shortage in Latin America.

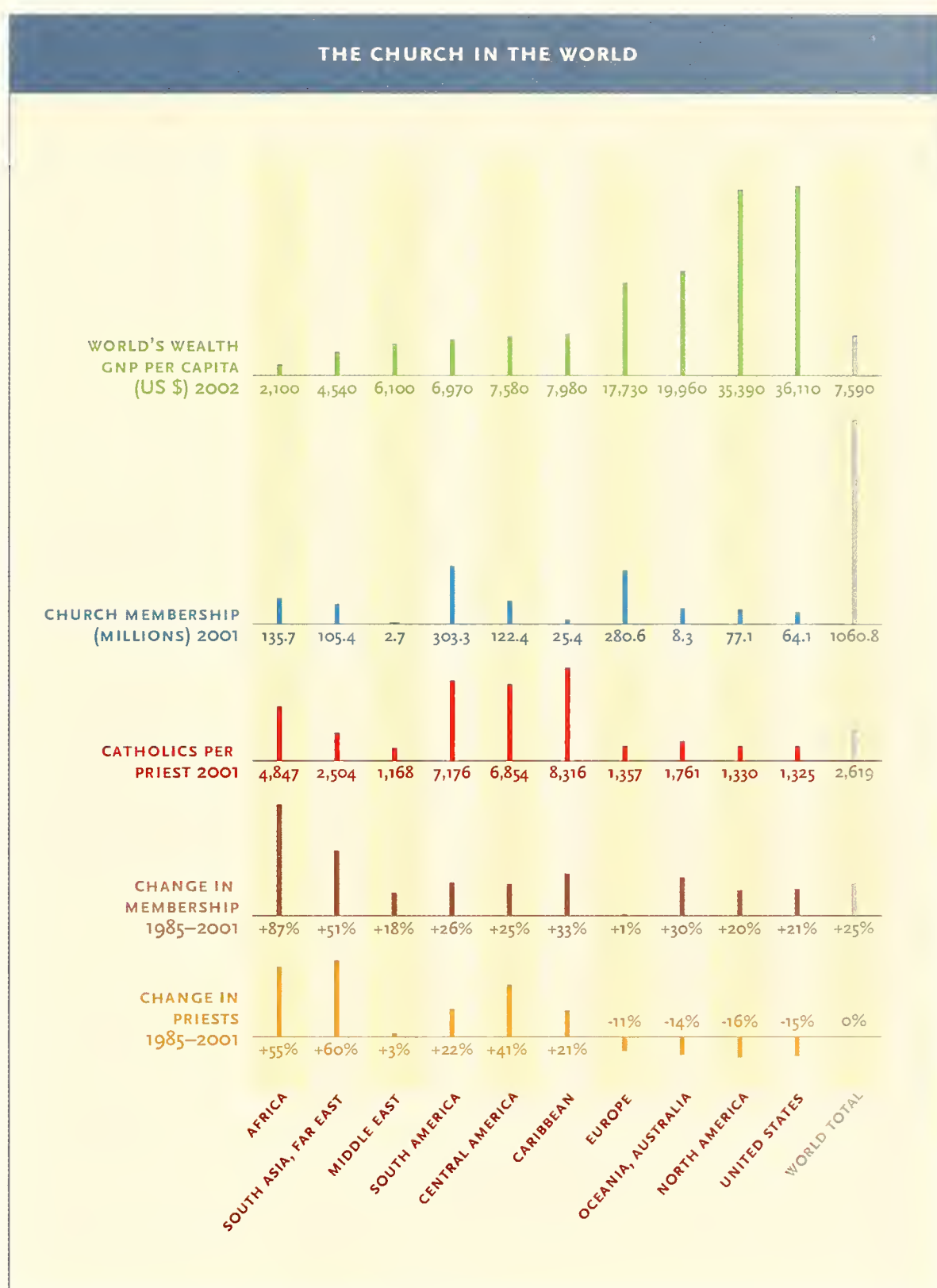
The third definition of shortage derives from opportunities lost. Using this definition, one could conclude that the whole world has a priest shortage. In Nigeria, Ghana, and India, for instance, millions of people show signs of readiness for evangelization. And what Catholic community wouldn’t benefit from having more active, capable, and devoted priests working in it? Why shouldn’t we strive to double the number of priests in the world? In my view, we should.

COMPARISONS WITH less fortunate countries aside, most American Catholics believe there is a priest shortage in the United States and that it is a major problem. In 2003, some 16 percent of U.S. parishes had no resident priest; the number of weekend Masses is down; and bishops increasingly are asking priests to pastor two or more parishes at a time. Nobody likes these trends. The laity want more access to sacraments and greater availability of priests for weddings and baptisms; priests desire to pastor one parish well; and bishops want to be able to adequately staff the parishes for which they are responsible. It would take as much as a doubling of ordinations to meet the perceived need for priests in the United States. Are there any solutions? In theory, yes, but in actuality, not many. Here are eight possible alternatives.

*Recruit more seminarians by trying harder:* This is an obvious course of action. But I have had 20 years of experi-

ence working with vocation directors and vocation programs, and it seems to me that we are *already* trying harder and are investing immense energy and money into recruitment with no gains to speak of. A modest increase may be achievable here or there, but I believe that the major increase we need cannot happen without changing the circumstances of the priesthood itself.

*Make celibacy optional for diocesan priests.* This change is favored today by 71 percent of the U.S. Catholic laity and 56 percent of American priests. In 1985, I conducted a survey of Catholic college students and found the celibacy re-



Sources: World Population Data Sheet 2004 and Statistical Yearbook of the Church



quirement to be the single biggest deterrent keeping men from entering the priesthood. If celibacy were optional for diocesan priests, there would be an estimated fourfold increase in seminarians, and the priest shortage would be over. The ranks of priests would grow until the Church hit financial limits in its ability to train and support them.

*Ordain women.* Possibly a first step in this direction would be to ordain celibate women. This idea was favored by 62 percent of the U.S. Catholic laity in a 1999 survey. I have not seen figures on priests' attitudes, but I'd say probably 35 to 55 percent are in favor. A logical first step would be to ordain vowed women in religious communities. Ordaining married women would be a more drastic step, but one favored by 53 percent of Catholic laity in 1999.

*Bring in priests from other nations.* At present, about 17 percent of all active priests in the United States were born overseas, and the percentage is gradually growing. In recent ordination classes in this country, 28–30 percent of seminarians were born elsewhere; most will end up staying here. Are there more priests overseas who are available to come to the United States? Yes—from several countries, especially India, Nigeria, the Philippines, and Colombia. Those nations have a worse priest shortage than we have; that is to say, they have fewer priests per thousand laity, in fact *many* fewer. But they never had the high ratio of priests that we've enjoyed in this country, so there is no tradition of priests being readily available. Furthermore, in many of those countries there is not enough money to sustain a growing cadre of priests.

At present about 350 to 400 foreign-born priests come into the United States each year, of whom 35 to 40 percent were trained in American seminaries. A portion of these men are brought here explicitly to minister to immigrant parishes, for example, Korean priests invited to minister to Korean Catholics. But the majority minister to multicultural or predominantly European-American parishes. The largest numbers are in the Western and Southwest states, Florida, and the New York City area. They have come mainly from Mexico, Colombia, the Philippines, India, Vietnam, Nigeria, and Poland. Their average age is 46, which makes them much younger than American-born priests. The majority do not expect to serve in this country their entire lives.

With international priests come unique problems. From the point of view of American priests and laity, the most serious of these are inadequate English skills, cultural misunderstandings, and a too-conservative ecclesiology—a belief that the priest should exercise unassailable decision-making power in local church affairs. From the point of view of the foreign-born priests themselves, the main problems are inadequate orientation to American culture and the ways of the American church, lack of appreciation and respect by American priests, and unfair

treatment by diocesan leaders in placements and appointments. More careful screening of candidates and better orientation programs for new arrivals are needed.

*Increase the number of lay ministers.* Today there are more lay ministers working in parishes than priests, and their number is growing rapidly. About 80 percent are female, and in a recent survey the average age was 52. Fifty-three percent have received professional training beyond their BA. Typically, lay ministers are in charge of schools, religious education programs, youth ministry, liturgy, music, and administration. Priests sometimes feel threatened by them. Many of these lay servants have worked in their parishes for years and know more about them than any new priest coming in. But they cannot celebrate the sacraments, and thus their usefulness is limited.

*Expand the permanent diaconate.* Take steps to ordain more permanent deacons and at the same time revise the theology so that deacons can administer all sacraments, not just baptism, matrimony, and last rites. This would be a major step, and, so far as I know, it is not much talked about.

*Accept more married Episcopalian priests.* There exists in the Catholic Church a special provision for allowing married Episcopalian priests (and ministers of several other Protestant denominations) to come in as Catholic priests. But the protocol is daunting and the course plagued with delays, and fewer than 200 have signed on over a 20-year period. Why not improve the process to make the invitation more enticing?

*Allow men who left the Catholic priesthood for marriage to return.* Estimates of the number of priests in the United States to whom this might apply range from 12,000 to 20,000. Only one research study, to my knowledge, has asked whether these men would like to return. Forty percent responded that they would—either on a full-time or part-time basis.

Let's suppose there are 16,000 married Catholic priests in the United States, and that only 30 percent return; that would mean 4,800 more priests—the equivalent of 10 years of ordinations. A 2001 survey asked American priests whether they would support such a move, and 52 percent responded yes.

TODAY, ANY SOLUTION to the priest shortage in the United States will likely be complicated by a marked division among priests themselves in the way they understand their priestly role. Surveys of American priests indicate two distinct views of the priesthood and, it follows, two views of the role of the laity in the Church.

The cultic view, which prevailed before the 1960s and which has lately found favor again, sees the priest as mainly an administrator of the sacraments and teacher of the faith. The cultic priest stands apart from other Catholics and, of necessity, is celibate; his life is both a witness to faith



in God and an example of godliness. The cultic model emphasizes that priests are different from laity—higher in holiness and mediators between God and humanity.

During and after Vatican Council II, American priests gravitated from the cultic model toward a servant-leader model of the priesthood. This new view positioned priests within the Catholic community, interacting closely with the laity and collaborating with them in parish life as spiritual and social leaders. The distinctness of the priest was deemphasized, as symbolized by the tendency of many priests to minimize their wearing of the clerical cassock and collar. Priests living the servant-leader model invested themselves more in community leadership beyond the parish than did cultic priests, as they attempted to have a beneficial effect on the larger society.

In the mid-1980s, the predominant understanding of the priesthood in this country began shifting back to the cultic model. According to research carried out by social scientists at Catholic University, this second transition was well advanced by 2001—and it was generational. Specifically, young priests differed from their elders on whether ordination confers new ontological status; on whether celibacy should become a matter of personal choice for priests (33 percent of priests ages 25–35 said yes, versus 56 percent of all priests); and on whether the Church should cultivate more lay ministers (54 percent of the younger priests say yes, versus 73 percent of all priests). As numerous observers have noted, younger priests today are more conservative on matters of liturgy, morals, and priestly life. They find it more important, for example, to be seen in clerical attire.

It was the newest priests in 2001, and especially the youngest diocesan priests, who held most ardently to the cultic model. At the same time, the priests holding the opposite viewpoint were in the 56-to-65-year-old age cohort, rather than the very oldest priests. The oldest priests—over 70 years old—stood between the two extremes, not clearly upholding either. Within some American presbyterates, a state of uneasy tension exists, I'm told.

Research findings illuminate the advantages of the two models. In favor of the cultic model, for instance, is the finding that priests who adhere to this view report having higher morale. Seminaries and dioceses where the cultic position prevails have been more successful in attracting vocations. With its clarity about identity and its focus on the sacraments, the cultic model is closer to the teachings of Pope John Paul II and during his reign received his support.

The argument against the cultic model comes partly from the laity and lay ministers, who assert that tomorrow's parishes must be led by collaboration and that the cultic position is divisive. A survey of professional lay ministers in 2002 indicated that the older ones, in particular, felt undervalued by cultic-oriented priests and found them difficult to

work with. The research also indicated that the younger lay ministers were more in accord with cultic priests.

Another criticism encompasses both theological and organizational elements: that the cultic model fosters stronger clericalism in a Church that has given priests and bishops too much power, privilege, and secrecy already. It is unclear how many laypeople feel this way. But there are hints: A 2003 survey, for instance, found that 77 percent of Catholics agreed that "the Catholic Church needs better financial reporting at all levels." In the same survey, 73 percent agreed that "laypeople should have some say in who their parish priest will be." American Catholics are ready for the laity to have more input on Church governance.

A tug-of-war over the priesthood is under way today that promises to be with us for years to come. Judging from research on trends in generational attitudes, the cultic model is gaining ascendancy.

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# Snap

Last fall, *BCM* departed from its traditional written word contest to celebrate that which is worth a thousand words. The magazine's first photo contest invited readers to focus on "Close Encounters." Humans turned out to be the most popular subject, accounting for just over half of all submissions. Children amounted to just over half of those, and animals—mostly wild—tied with children.

The winning entry, "Snake Eyes," was shot by Peter Little '85 and sent in by Jean Andrysiak Little '86 from Crofton, Maryland. The red-shirted subject is their son; the occasion, a garden party.

Runners-up in the contest were Kevin A. Collins '05 of Norwood, Massachusetts, and Francis R. Grabowski, Jr. '03 of BC's Office of Residential Life. Their entries may be seen at [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).



# Pygmalion

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Kelly in WNTW's Tribeca studio, New York City

The premise of Clinton Kelly's popular TLC cable reality series *What Not to Wear* is as follows. An unsuspecting man or woman is nominated by friends or family for a complete makeover; hidden cameras record the individual's crimes of fashion; Kelly and partner Stacy London stage an ambush and propose a \$5,000 New York City spending spree, with one string attached: In words they intone near the beginning of each episode, "Hand yourself over to us, body, mind, and wardrobe."

The congenial Kelly, a Long Island native, "fell into fashion" by a circuitous route, he says. "I changed majors at BC almost every semester," before graduating in communication, "one hydrology class away" from a second major in environmental geosciences. He earned a master's degree in journalism at Northwestern University, then took aim at the competitive job market of New York City's publishing industry, half expecting to be "eating cat food out of a tin" for awhile.

Kelly found work first with a now-defunct sports apparel publication, followed by editorial posts at *Mademoiselle* and *Marie Claire*. From 1994 to 1996, he moonlighted as a

home-shopping host on Q2 (part of the QVC network). In 2001, he was named executive editor of *DNR*, a weekly news magazine in the Fairchild Group covering men's fashion and retail. While at *DNR*, Kelly was invited by a casting director to audition as a replacement for London's original partner. His elegant and wry demeanor complemented London's high-energy persona, and he was hired. That was two years ago.

Most television series average 22 episodes a season, but Kelly and London taped 50 episodes of *What Not to Wear* this past year. The show's affable tone also sets it apart from much unscripted television: When Kelly and London stand their subject before a 360-degree mirror to discuss the work ahead of them, they are honest but not mean-spirited.

"I still keep in touch with about 75 percent of our participants," says Kelly. "We like to keep things in perspective. We're big on celebrating the body you've got. If we were all Barbie and Ken dolls, it wouldn't be much fun."

Christine N. Ziemba '92

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John Griffin with (from left) Joel Barciauskas '05, Andrew Logan '05, Greg Pavlov '05, and Daniel Scali '06, recent finalists in a Microsoft technology innovation competition. Photograph by Gary Wayne Gilbert

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